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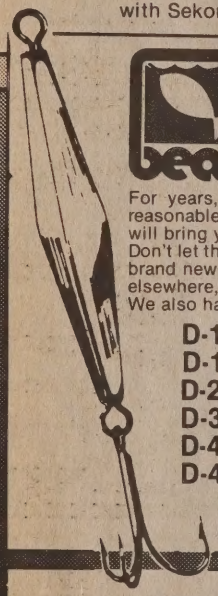

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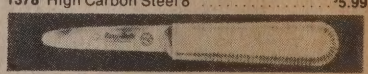

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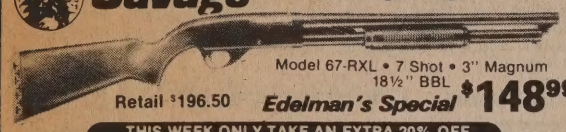

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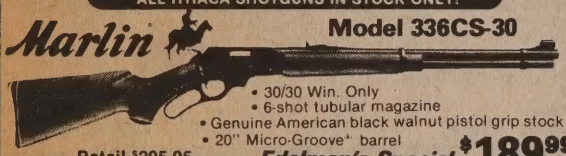

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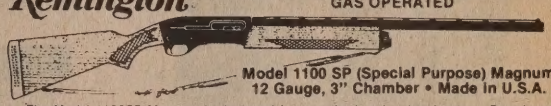

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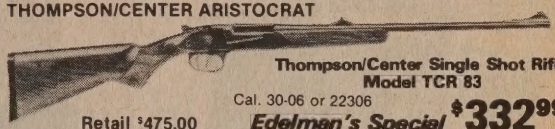

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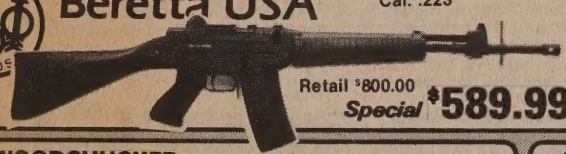

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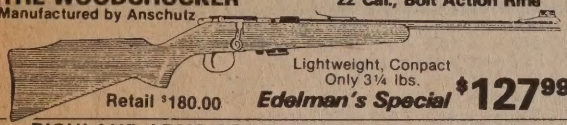

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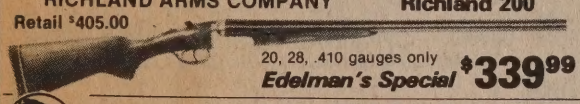

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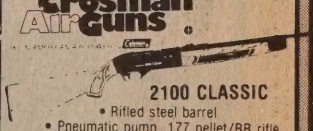

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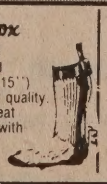

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Mike Andreani, of Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle, puts the finishing touches on a big blue taken from a gentle surf on light tackle. Recent Novembers have left Long Island surfmen worn out from tangling with big bluefish. For a look at what this November has in store, see the article on page 22. Also, if you are looking to brush up on your surf fishing skills, there is a surf fishing workshop slated for Thursday, October 30 at Holiday Inn in Rockville Centre. See page 19 for details. Dick Mermon Photo.

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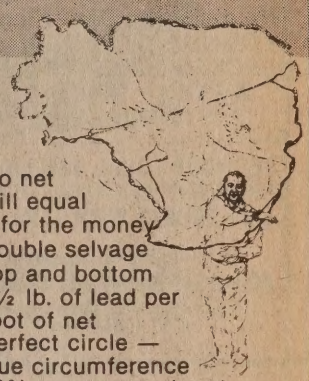

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BLOTCHY BASS

Largemouth bass in certain waters of New York and elsewhere have variable sized blotches of black pigment on the skin of the body and fins and on the mucuous membranes of the mouth. These patches of black pigment have a curious appearance and may be related to environmental conditions, or may simply be a color phase variant. A better understanding of how widespread is the occurrence of these unusual markings is needed to satisfy environmental concerns and to answer questions by anglers.

The occurrence, body patterns, and cellular structure of the blotches are being studied by fish pathologists in New York, and they seek observations and knowledge from others and other areas. These black blotches are reported in largemouth bass from the tidal Hudson River, Lake Cautauqua, Lake Ontario, upper St. Lawrence River, northern Chesapeake Bay and much of the tidal waters of Maryland. In the Hudson River, the markings are more frequent on larger fish and some collections have 25 percent of the individuals with blotches. Histologically, the blotched area of skin has increased numbers of pigmented cells in the epidermis and superficial dermis. The fish appear to be healthy.

Inquiries should be sent directed to: Marilyn J. Wolfe, Dept. Avian and Aquatic Animal Med., College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853, (607) 253-3365 or Douglas M. Carlson, NYSDEC, Regional Fisheries Unit, Stamford, NY 12167, (607) 652-7364.

JOE DE FALCO AT 19TH ANNUAL HUNTING EXPO

Deer hunters—admission free. Don't miss Joe DeFalco, author of "The Complete Deer Hunt" at the 19th Annual Hunting Expo, 8PM, Monday, November 3rd at the Adelphi-Calderone Theatre, corner of Main & West Columbia Sts., Hempstead, NY (So. State Pkway, exit 19N, left at 4th traffic light.) Watch Joe field dress, skin and cut a deer on state. See excerpts from the new video "The Hunter's Guide." Meet celebrities; enjoy entertainment; hunter's raffle and much more.

NWF RAISES EPA PESTICIDE BANS

The Environmental Protection Agency's decision to ban one powerful pesticide, and partially ban another, represents an important step toward protection of America's wildlife, according to the National Wildlife Federation (NWF).

"The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has found that the pesticide dicofol jeopardizes West Coast populations of peregrine falcons," said NWF exective vice president Jay D. Hair. "By banning dicofol, EPA has increased their chances of survival." Manufactured from the banned pesticide DDT, dicofol contains DDT residues that are called "unavoidable contaminants."

Also, EPA has banned the use of the pesticide diazinon on golf courses and sod farms. According to Hair, "Diazinon has been linked to at least 60 incidents of mass poisonings of birds in 18 states." In May 1984, for example, 700 Atlantic brant geese were killed on a golf course on Long Island after they ingested turf treated with diazinon. "Although we are concerned that this pesticide can still be used in agriculture and on home lawns, EPA deserves credit for taking this important step."

According to an EPA spokesman, the dicofol and diazinon decisions marks the first time that EPA has banned pesticides, or a particular use of a pesticide, solely on the basis of their harmful effects on wildlife. According to Hair, "This is a good day in America for the environment, and especially for the nation's wildlife. We urged EPA to take these actions, and we're pleased that they have responded."

The National Wildlife Federation, celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, is the nation's largest conservation organization with 4.6 million members and supporters and 51 af-

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This final trip to Norway is a landmark in marine history and reunites Evinrude Outboards with the roots of their creator, who invented the outboard over 75 years ago. The Transatlantic was piloted by Al Grover Sr., Al Grover, Jr., and Dante Grover, as well as by other members of the Grover family.

For further information on this historical journey and the ongoing voyages of the Transatlantic, please feel free to contact: Al Grover, Jr., 195 Woodcleft Ave., Freeport, NY 11520; (516) 378-0510.

SCHOLASTIC WRITING CONTEST

To encourage high school students to sharpen their ability to communicate the outdoor experience, annual awards of $500, $300 and $200 are being offered for published articles. The award program is being sponsored by the Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA) in cooperation with the Izaak Walton League Endowment (IWLE). The sole criterion of the judges (within the guidelines) shall be excellent writing.

The work must have been published in a newsletter, newspaper, magazine, etc., during 1986. The publication can be school, organizational or commercial.

The author must have been a high school (prep school) student at the time the article was published or accepted for publication.

The topic must be "outdoors" (hiking, camping, fishing, nature, hunting, canoeing, etc.). The approach can be any literary style including fiction and poetry.

Entrants must submit three tearsheets (or clear photocopies) of the entry. The tearsheets must contain the publication name and date.

Deadline for receiving entries is January 31, 1987. Send entry to OWAA Headquarters, 2017 Cato Ave., Suite 101, State College, PA 16801.

OWAA and IWLE will announce the winners at the OWAA Conference in Kalispell, Montana (June 21-25, 1987). The sponsors have the right to reprint the winning entries in their respective publications.

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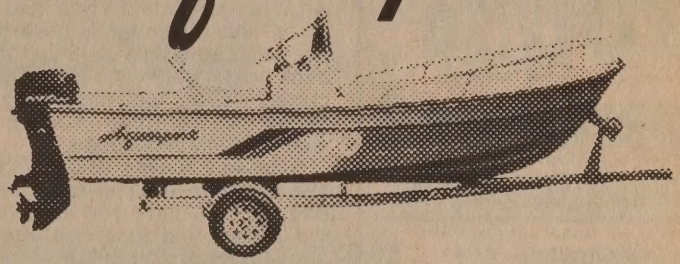

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DIXON BOW GUIDES

by John Jollie & Jim White

Anyone who trailers a boat and fishes alone can understand the problems encountered when putting the boat back on the trailer in a strong wind or current. Even with the help of a fishing buddy, it can prove to be an exasperating experience.

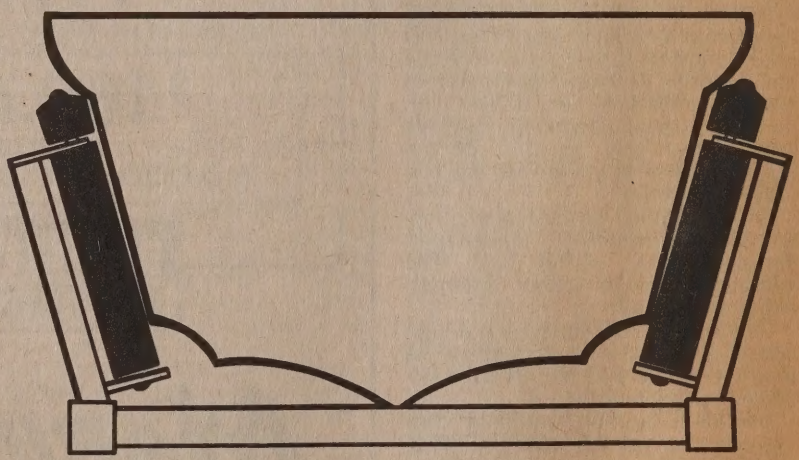
It usually means a lot of cussing and straining and one fisherman getting wet. You can resort to getting out the waders and then into the water, straining against the current to help load the boat. All of this is just to get the boat lined up on the trailer. If it is not lined up it will not come up the trailer correctly and in all likelihood, will have to be taken off and the process repeated. Try to do this alone without the help of a fishing buddy, while someone is waiting to use the ramp, and it is all but impossible. It is enough to get you thinking about selling your boat.

We believe we have found the solution to this and a couple of other problems encountered by boatmen who trailer their boats.

The solution is a pair of Dixon Bow Guides. The bow guides are designed to do exactly what the name implies. They guide the bow of the boat into the middle of the trailer while giving you a free hand to operate the winch.

After the bow and keel are entered onto the rollers, they hold the boat straight all the way to the transom. They do this with heavy duty upright non-marking, non-scratching, rubber rollers.

The Dixon Bow Guides come in two sizes to match just about any application. Bow guide size "A" has a



How To Measure

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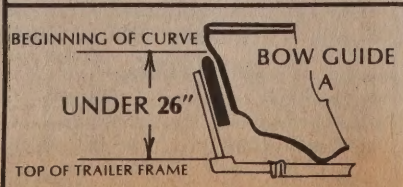	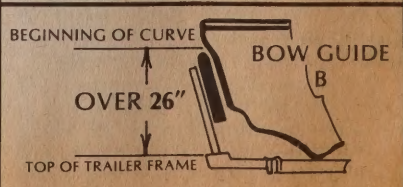

roller upright that is 18 inches high to fit boats with sides under 26 inches high. Bow guide size "B" has a roller upright with a 24 inch height to accommodate boats with sizes over 26 inches. To find out what size guide would be best for your rig, you measure the distance between the top of your trailer frame and the curve (if your boat has one) at the gunnel. Use the same method to determine either size.

It is our experience that bow guide size "A" will fit most all freshwater boats and size "B" most saltwater or big water boats. We have the Dixon Bow Guides on both of the boats we fish out of.

One boat is a 16 foot Fisher DLX aluminum pike boat and the size "A" guides do the job quite nicely. The other boat is a 17 foot fiberglass center console that is much deeper and wider and the "B" size guides are more than adequate and will accommodate boats much larger.

The guides have the added benefit of moving your trailer lights from the present position on the trailer to one where they will never again be in the water. This means the end of bursting light bulbs. Bulbs that are submerged in cold water when they are hot often burst, leaving you no lights for the trip home. The light bracket is built into the roller upright. They are pre-drilled to allow you to run your wiring through the upright and thus protect it from possible damage. The people at Dixon have even supplied rubber grommets to fit the holes to prevent chafing.

A third advantage to the Dixon Bow Guide and one that I found especially helpful when backing an empty trailer down the ramp is the roller upright enables me to better see my trailer. If you tow with a wide high back vehicle, like a Scout or a Ram, you know what we mean.

The Dixon Bow Guides are extremely well built. They are built of the same gauge steel as your trailer frame and they are galvanized to last a lifetime. All necessary mounting hardware is included, all of which is also galvanized. They are easily installed in 15 minutes by anyone who can hold a wrench. They attach by way of four bolts and a backing plate to clamp on the trailer frame. The roller uprights are adjustable on the frame extensions to accept most any width boat.

We purchased our Dixon Bow Guides through Cabela's catalog but you can write to the manufacturer for the names of dealers in your area. We found the people at the factory to be very helpful and fast with service.

If you trailer your boat and need a hand to get it back on the trailer, you can't go wrong with a set of Dixon Bow Guides.

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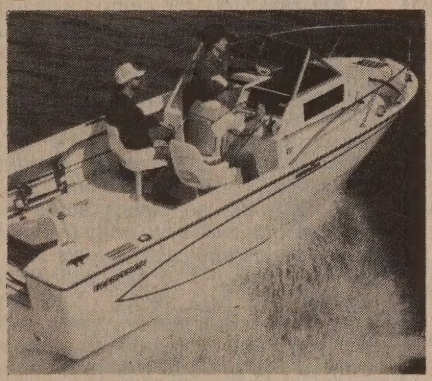

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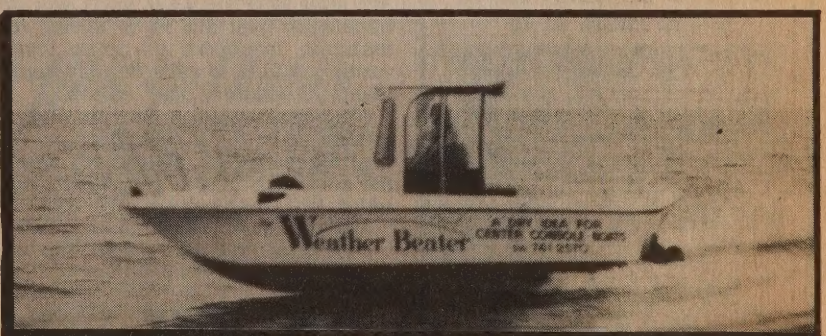

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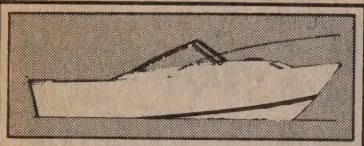

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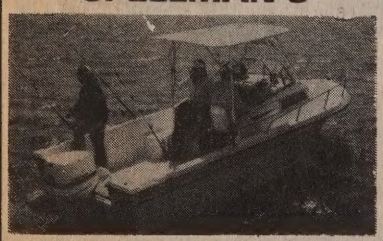

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,
I have a depth recorder at the present time on my boat, but would like to replace it with an LCD Fishfinder. Is it possible to eliminate the depth recorder and use the same through hull transducer for my new LCD Fishfinder? Or is it advantageous to have both? *Frank Sakamoto.*

Dear Frank,
I'd suggest using both the LCD and your regular recorder so you always have a back-up unit should one fail.
You can't use the same transducer for both units. Chances are your LCD unit works at a different frequency than the chart recorder or may even be of a different manufacture which definitely means you'll need a separate transducer for the LCD. Most of the companies currently marketing both LCD and chart recorder units sell transducers that will function with both units by having a switch installed that allows you to go from one unit to the other by the simple flick of a switch. They work very well and are reasonable to install but you must remember this applies only to two units of the same manufacture that operate at the same frequency.
If your units are different brands you will need two transducers each with its own power cord.
There are advantages to having two units. For openers, you'll certainly save money on chart paper when using the LCD. Some units burn a lot of paper, up to a roll per day, while others are a tad more miserly and will work for days on a single roll of paper.
Also, many of the new features that are built into the LCD units will be beneficial. Over the water speed, for instance, is shown on some units, water temps and also bottom depth (digital) is another plus feature.
The basic reason for two units, howver, is to have a back-up and for that reason alone, we feel it's worth the additional cost of purchasing two units.

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Dear Doc,
I've got a real problem with one of my new spinning reels. I had the reel filled with 20 lb. test monofilament line and am now using it on one of my favorite 9 foot surf and jetty rods. The reel works fine, drag is smooth and the line spools on evenly. BUT, no matter what I do I continue to get a severe line twist that's driving me nuts! Why does the line keep twisting after each cast and retrieve? I am not a newcomer to fishing, so don't try to tell me that I'm doing something wrong, because I'm not. I would appreciate an answer at your earliest convenience for the fishing season is fast winding down in my part of the country. *Anthony Capoletta.*

Dear Anthony,
I hate to say this, but line twist is something that can only be caused by the user of the tackle. You, or whoever filled the spool may have put the line on incorrectly so it twisted when loaded onto the spool. This is a common problem, but one that can be avoided by following the installation process recommended by the line manufacturer.
If that is not the cause, and it may not be, I'd suggest using a quality ball bearing swivel between the line and the lure. Some lures do cause excessive line twist during the retrieve while others do not. At any rate, it's good policy to use a ball bearing swivel at some point between the running line and the lure. If do you a lot of surf and jetty fishing, you probably already use some type of barrel swivel between your casting line and the leader. Instead of using a regular barrel swivel, try replacing it with one of the Sampo or Berkley ball bearing swivels. That should eliminate all line twisting under normal usage.
Ball bearing swivels can, and do, become inoperative if not treated correctly. Sand and corrosion will build up and cause the ball bearings to jam. A quick and easy solution to this problem is to spray the swivel with WD40, CC or any of the other rust inhibitors that are available at most marine supply houses. Even the finest tackle items will eventually suffer the effects of constant use in the saltwater environment and swivels are one of the worst offenders because they are subjected to saltwater more than other items that are inside the reel or otherwise buffered from the salt spray.

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Dear Doc,
This isn't really a tackle problem, although it does concern the correct use of tackle. What I'd like to know is how do the "experts" attach a buck-

tail, diamond jig or plug to their fishing line? I've heard that tying direct produces more hits but costs a lot of lost lures when an overly eager fish bites through the line. Is it actually better to tie direct or to use a snap swivel, plain snap or a piece of heavy leader material? *Stan Sawicki.*

Dear Stan,

We normally tie direct when fishing for weakies, stripers or bonito, but will often use a heavier leader as insurance against bite-offs when fishing specifically for toothy critters like bluefish.

There is no doubt you'll receive less hits when using a trace of wire leader or a doubled line. Snap swivels, due to their bulk, can cause some lures to lose their built-in action and for sure, they do spook some fish away from the lure. If you must use a snap, pick the smallest you can find that has sufficient break strength to hold the fish you hope to catch. And, as added insurance, purchase black rather than the bright silver finish. By all means, shy away from the combination snap swivels. They do frighten fish. Try using a ball bearing swivel two feet above the lure and then use a small snap to connect leader and lure. This way you have less visible bulk at the nose of the lure, but still maintain the benefit of a ball bearing swivel to cut down on line twist.

When deep jigging for blues with diamond jigs, we'll normally tie direct. The overall length of diamond jig and surgical tube tail is usually enough to overcome the bite-offs incurred when fishing for blues. You will lose some jigs but in the meantime, you'll also catch a lot more fish than if you rigged the diamonds with a short trace of single strand wire ahead of the jig. And, during the late fall when deep jigging with diamonds for striped bass we always tie directly to the line and do not use a heavy leader because it, too, will cut down on the number of hits.

Incidentally, there are very few so-called "experts"; most of the better fishermen we've known just had more time to go fishing.

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Dear Doc,

I have been watching the Tackle Doctor column to see if your answer to some other fisherman would solve my problem, but so far, no luck.

I desperately need the name and address of a source where I can obtain surgical tubing (see sample). I am prepared to buy 50 to 100 foot spools. Can you help? *John Burns.*

Dear John,

I'd suggest you call a few local shops to see if they have the tubing in 50 foot spools. If you're not successful, you might try Julian's Tackle, Route 36, Atlantic Highlands, NJ. Julian does sell tubing in bulk but you will probably have to drive to his store to pick it up.

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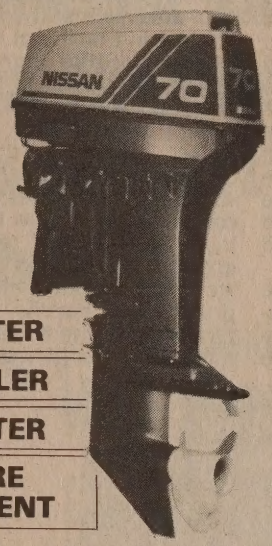

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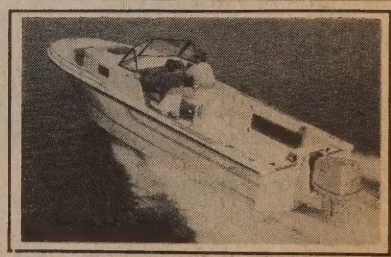

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SURF BLUEFISH DERBY ATTRACTS RECORD TURNOUT

by William A. Muller

Noel Kappauf of Captree-Jones Beach Bait and Tackle was excited when he called me early Friday the 18th. "Looks like more than 700 fishermen will register," he said. "A lot of the people I've talked to are understanding better what these derbies are all about and what the Sport Fishing Fund is doing for them. They see the evidence! They've been using the parking facility at Gilgo and the fish cleaning stations at Jones Beach and Captree."

Sure, that's the idea! The private sector helping the public sector to improve facilities and provide more recreational opportunities. The word is definitely getting around and fishermen are catching the fever.

It doesn't hurt that we try our best to make the $5 entry fee painless either, by providing free Stren line and Genesee Beer to participants. Quality prizes of $500, $250, and $100 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd don't tarnish the effort. Then, too, we give away about 40 quality door prizes at each awards ceremony. This time the door prizes included Penn surf reels, surf bags, and rods and reel combos. Next year we hope to have even more door prizes. The awards ceremony was packed, and there were so many in attendance that it was often difficult for winners to get to the front table and receive their prize. The net effect of the crush of people was a lot of excitement and a good time.

There is little doubt that this was "the" event on Long Island on Sunday, October 20th. We hope you were part of it; if you weren't, make it a point to be there next year.

There weren't a lot of fish caught during the weekend, thanks to mild and calm weather conditions. A week ago, easterly winds pushed bait out of the bays and along the beach resulting in a slaughter in many spots. There is little doubt that if the derby ended up being held under last

First place winner Vincent Cockley accepts congratulations from Derby Director Bill (Doc) Muller.

week's conditions that it would have taken a fish of at least 20 pounds to win! Still, there are enough good fish around to make the competition a success and we easily filled out the categories.

Although we can place the derby in roughly the right time and place for maximum chances of success, Mother Nature controls the weather and movements of fish on derby days. That's the luck of the draw. No one complained that they couldn't find a fish or two.

There were a few rumors that upset us as the awards ceremony got under way, but once again the high standards fishermen set for themselves held sway over the opportunity for a tainted victory. The rumored fish never showed up at weigh-in and that's a tribute to all participants. Our hats are off to all of you!

Congratulations to everybody who participated. Also, thanks to all at the awards ceremony. Your good cheer and demeanor sure make my job a lot easier.

Thanks also to those who help so much from the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission. To Regional Director, John Sheridan; Deputy Regional Director, Mike Asheroff, Robert Moses Superintendent Neil Ackerson, and to Elaine Felton, a special thank you. This hard-working lady is so well organized and perceptive that she literally turns my job into a piece of cake. My hat is off to a great person. Also, thanks to Noel and Bob from Captree Bait and Tackle, as well as the myriad of support personnel from the Commission that make these events a success.

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We also want to note that Chris Nolte from Penn Reels made a special trip to attend the awards ceremony in order to help make presentations. Thanks Chris, your interest is appreciated.

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Don't forget that there will be a full slate of derbies in 1987. The complete schedule of events should be published in an early 1987 issue. Watch for it!

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WILDWOOD BLACKS

by Brian Mulholland

This state park offers shore based anglers some prime blackfish action.

October brings a revival of the best bottom fishing available from the Long Island shoreline. Blackfish appear as water temperatures cool, and become available at virtually every location that affords a broken rock bottom. One of the better places from which they can be taken is Wildwood State Park.

I wonder occasionally if this may not be the most underfished state park on the Island. Few other anglers seem to go there, which is a pity. It's not limited to a given town's residents. The parking lot is within 15 minutes walk of the water's edge and the blackfishing is pretty good.

The park is located at the north end of William Floyd Parkway. This is not one of the parks included on the night parking permit, so you'll have to arrive and depart during daylight hours. William Floyd ends at Rt. 25A; turn right and go east. Turn slightly left onto Baiting Hollow Road and follow the signs into the park proper.

The terrain is typical of much of Long Island's North Shore. The beach area itself is gravel and pebbles rather than sand, and large boulders are generously sprinkled outwards from the water's edge. Bluff faces rise steeply behind the beach area, affording good protection from a south wind. The mosquito problem is less severe than at Sunken Meadow or other areas that include marsh land. Of course, by the blackfish season, this doesn't matter that much anyway.

There's a long inclined walk from the parking area down to the beach. It ends at a beach house; I usually go east from there. Within a couple of hundred yards you'll find a particularly dense patch of boulders, and this is where I usually set up shop for blacks.

Fishing a naturally rocky beach is a little different than fishing jetty areas, or bridge embankments and piers. A pebbly, graveled bottom is far less destructive of terminal tackle than the tumbled boulder of jetty. You don't need 20 lbs. of homemade sinkers to get through a day's fishing here. You do need a good sized surf rod. An 11½ foot rod capable of throwing several ounces of lead is the best overall too. Pick yourself a boulder,

and try and hit it; if you don't come fairly close, crank in and try again.

Twenty pound line is abrasion resistant and strong enough for anything you are likely to encounter. To get the most from it, use a conventional reel and a strong shock leader. A conventional reel is widely recommended to blackfish fans on boats because it is more compatible with large sinkers than a spinning reel. This is also true for the shore caster. Casting a heavy payload is much easier on a conventional reel because you can lock up the spool with your thumb. A six ounce weight would usually cause a spinning spool to turn during the cast and cut you severely.

A conventional reel will also control a big tautog where a spinner will not. The mechanical strain of a big fish is nicely in line with the reel on a conventional reel; there's less play in the whole system.

Although blackfish are highly territorial, the smaller ones do roam about a bit. It's a good thing they do; the water here is too shallow when the tide is out. Therefore, the best overall fishing is had during the last couple of hours of incoming water and the first portion of the outgoing.

Since you're going to be fishing with 100 yards or so of line in the water, you may have a little trouble picking up the sensation of the fishes' bites. For that reason, I usually put several hooks on a length of leader material, to which I tie the running line. I tie large dropper loops in the leader, clip one end and tie the hook into the short length of leader that sticks out. Keeping the hooks small gives you the best shot at porgies, which are a frequent bycatch when fishing this area in the fall. A #5 or 5 Virginia, or a similarly sized Claw, will do a good job on both these fish. If you snell your own, keep the snells short. You should be able to fit three hooks onto a four foot length of leader material without making casting too difficult.

Blackfish here like the same bait as blackfish everywhere else. Green crabs properly halved or quartered hang together reasonably well under the stress of casting, but there's no reason not to use other bait if you prefer. China back fiddlers are a little fragile; leave the point buried in the crab if you're going to use them. Bringing the point through the crab makes it a little too fragile to stand up to the rigors of casting.

The water here is not terribly deep, and the blackfish are not large. But the beach does offer you the opportunity to fish in beautifully serene conditions, and often in solitude as well. It's also a location which you can walk to safely without risking a broken leg. In short, it's as pleasant a place as a blackfisherman could want. The season runs through October and into November as well. I have a suspicion that the fish stay on longer than the shore anglers do, but this season I'll be the last one off the beach.

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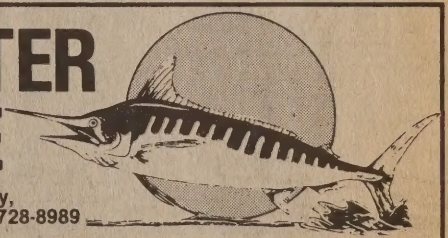

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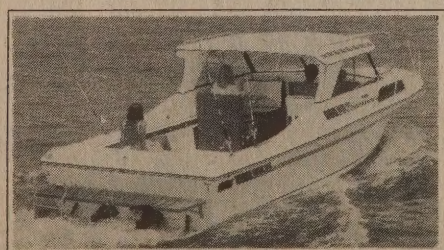

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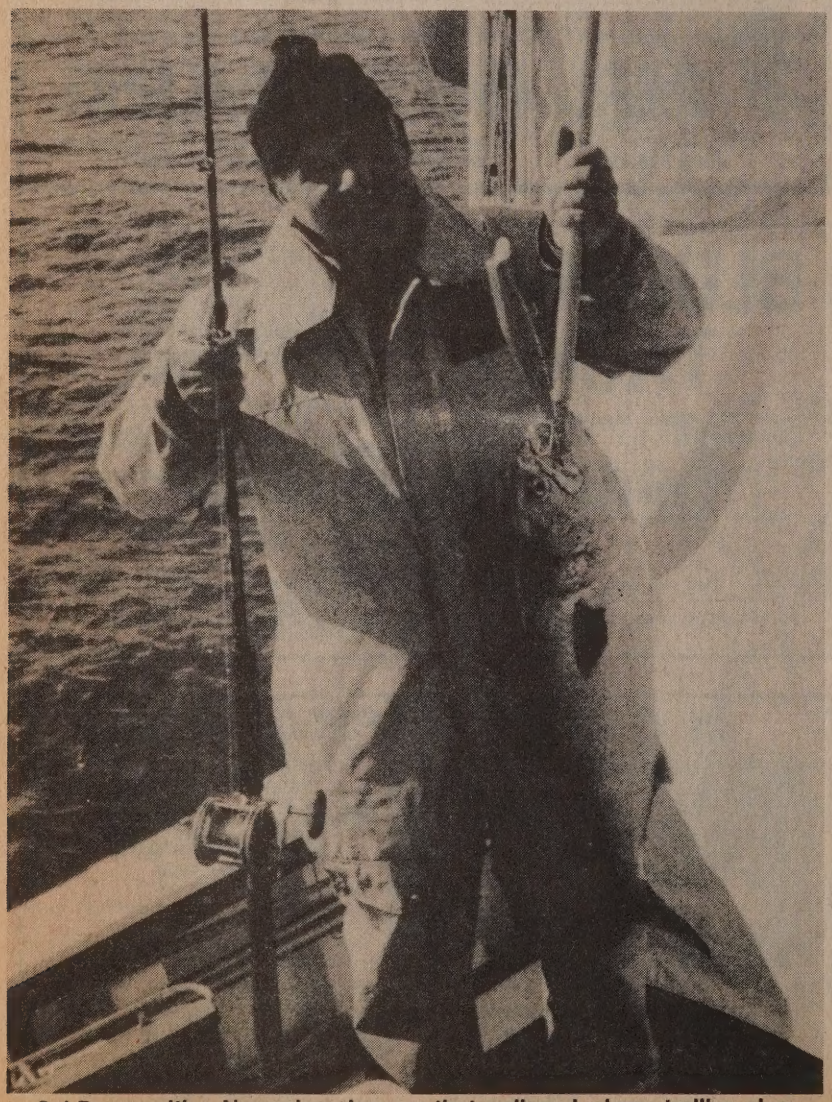
CLOSING IT OUT WITH SLAMMERS

by Capt. Pete Mikoleski

Some of the best bluefishing of the year is reserved for the waning weeks of the season.

Mother Nature has this way of dropping hints that the season is drawing to a close. Instead of making your way to the boat dressed in a T-shirt and shorts, you'll probably need a wet suit to battle the early morning dew. At the very least a windbreaker or sweatshirt is needed to ward off the autumn chill. But don't give up the ship just yet, the best is yet to come.

Just like Mother Nature reminds us of the change in seasons, she does the same for our many finned friends. Dropping water temperatures and approaching cold fronts send coded signals to the mossbunker inhabiting our L.I. bays instructing them to make like a tree and leave. One game fish sense the beginning of this annual fall phenomenon they'll realize it's time to start storing protein before their own annual fall migration. There was a time when boundless schools of striped bass, weakfish and blues had to compete against each other for whatever forage was available as they brazenly crashed frenzied schools of bunker, winner take all. But now because of the deterioration of our once limitless striped bass and weakfish stocks, bluefish for the most part, have it all to themselves. I can think of no better way to ward off the morning chill than by working up a sweat cranking in those teen size fall blues.



Sal Russo with a November slammer that walloped a large trolling plug.

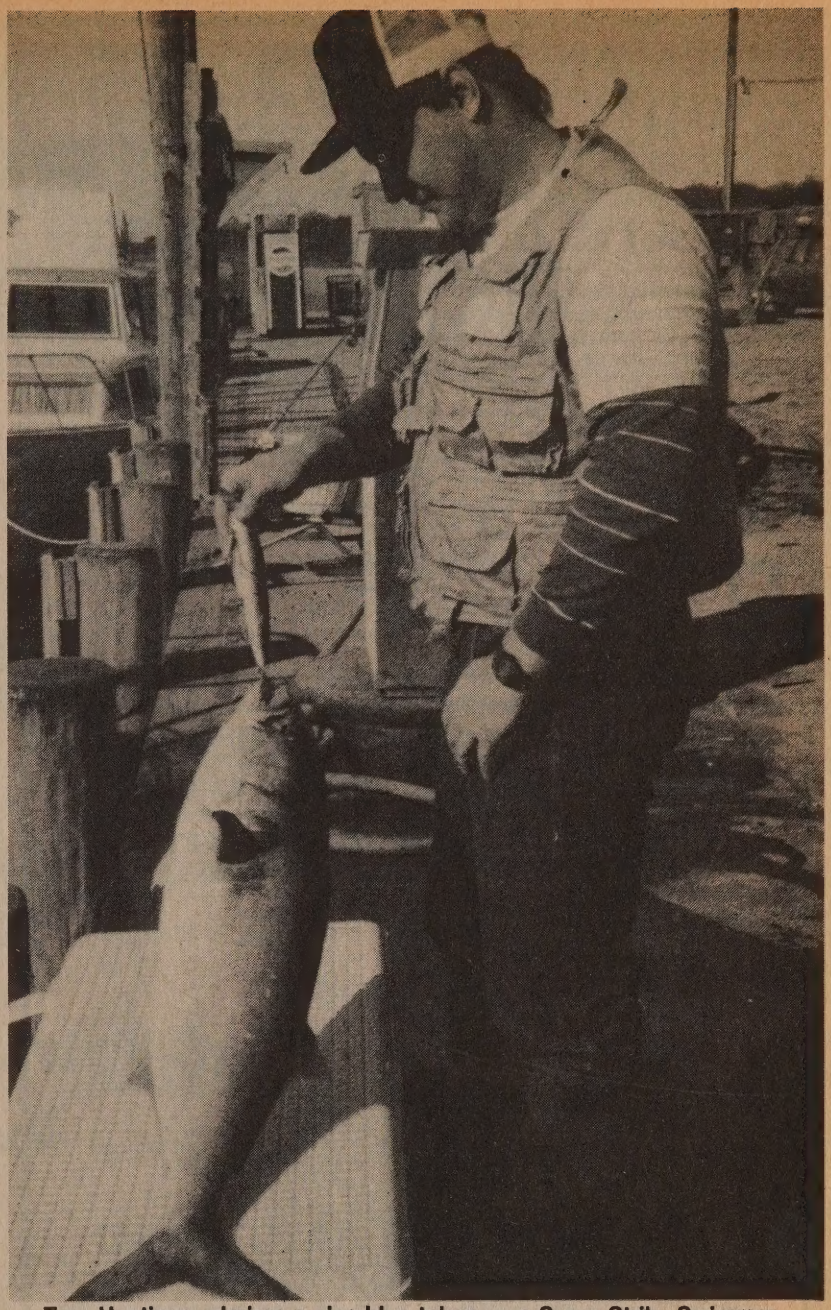
It's no longer necessary to be out on the water at the crack of dawn to intercept flocks of diving birds that mark feeding bluefish. Since boat traffic is now minimal and the crowds at the beaches have long since departed, surf and boat fishermen alike have nothing to stop them from getting in their licks. Early in the morning, most of the action seems to be centered around the inlets. This is when jetty jockeys slinging chunks or livelining bunker are in all their glory. Later on in the day the fish are liable to erupt anywhere along the south shore beaches. Those of us who are fortunate enough to be master of their own vessel definitely have the edge. But don't try to tell that to the dedicated surf rat who's dragging a heavy stringer of blues back to the truck. Big plugs and tins are responsible for the cramped fingers and aching muscles among the surf crowd, while boat fishermen find that these big bluefish are so bold and competitive, they don't care what your offerings are. Diamond jigs and umbrella rigs will take their share of fish. But to score consistently with the bigger fish, you'll have to match the hatch and subscribe to the "Big bait, big fish" theory. Livelining a fresh bunker is undoubtedly the easiest way to hook a wall hanging bluefish when the bait is readily available and the visual indicators show evidence of feeding fish. But merely swimming a live bunker among hundreds of other lively baitfish is not enough to ensure success. The trick is to make your live bunker act like the one most likely to be attacked and picked off the school.

You're gonna have to con these fish into thinking that your bait is "the

one'' to attack. Here is where the predator instinct comes into play. With hundreds of potential victims to choose from, a predator will always single out and pounce on a confused or wounded baitfish—the easiest one to catch. They are born with that predator instinct. Game fish know that in order to survive, they must expend the least amount of energy possible while procuring a meal, especially so at this time of the year. So if you want to put a dent in the fall bluefish population, you'll have to make it easier for them.

There will be no doubt in your mind when those alligator bluefish are feeding on top. They'll herd bunker so close to the surface that you'll see what looks like a large patch of water rippled by a gust of wind. Then all of a sudden, a loud, startling w-h-o-o-s-h. You'll see hundreds of bunker desperately leaping clear of the water trying to escape the deadly jaws of a marauding blue. These sights and sounds are like a shot of adrenalin in the veins of a serious fisherman. When this happens, it's your obvious clue to swim your bunker on top. Liveline a nice frisky bunker without any additional weight and you should be well on your way to your biggest bluefish of the season. Usually all you'll need is the standard coffee colored wire leader bluefish hook (5 to 7/0) tied on the end of your line. If the fish are playing hard to get and refuse to take a bait, some sharpies will dispense with the wire leader altogether and go with a three foot section of heavy mono (50 to 80 lb. test) to serve as a leader. These are snelled directly to the hook and connected to your running line via a good barrel swivel. If you decide to go this route, remember you MUST constantly check your leader for nicks and abrasions after landing each fish. If you don't you're bound to lose some fish. Some guys stay with the standard O'Shaughnessy hook pattern, while others prefer to switch to a 3 or 4/0 size treble to ensure a beter hook-up. A big fish might be able to develop enough leverage against a treble hook to throw it, but this is usually the exception rather than the rule. My advice is that if you are successful with the standard hook pattern, use it! If you're losing a lot of fish, ''try a treble.''

Bluefish almost always attack from behind, so your best bet would be to hook your bunker **lightly**, below or in front of his dorsal fin. This will allow him to swim freely. Sometimes you'll have a bunker that's so frisky, he'll be able to outrun his attacker. Obviously, this isn't going to do much to help your chances of catching a trophy bluefish. This is when some corrective surgery might be in order. Try cutting the tail off your bunker, that should slow him down some! This will also make him bleed which might coerce a monster bluefish into having him for dinner. Another trick used by some sharpies is to lightly slash the sides of your live bait, which sets up a small, oily slick that enables a predator to home in on his intended victim. Keep in mind that these tricks can be used to turn the tables on big choppers whether you're fishing on top or the bottom.



Tom Hastings admires a nice blue taken on a Super Strike Swimmer.

Sometimes you'll find that these fish are not overly aggressive and are satisfied to pick an occasional bunker or two off the bottom of the school. If there is one thing that you can bet on it's that there's always some big bluefish lying around in wait not far from the bunker school when the days become shorter and the nights grow colder. When you find bunker schools like this you'll have to keep that live bunker right on the bottom for it to do any good. You'll also have to slow it down so it will be prone to an easy attack. The simplest way to do this is to add a rubber cored clinch-on sinker to your leader about 3 feet above your hook. Another good method used to achieve the same result is to add a drail between your running line and your leader. These drails come in all different weights from less than an ounce to over 6 ounce, so finding one heavy enough should be no problem at all. You'll have to experiment a bit but from past experience I'd say you'll probably need some drails between 1 to 4 ounces. The right way to fish these drail rigs is to send them down and let them touch the bottom. Then reel up a couple of turns. This holds the bunker within a couple of feet of the bottom, but lets it swim along naturally underneath your drifting boat. When your drifts are

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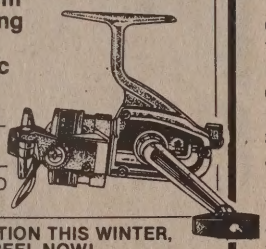

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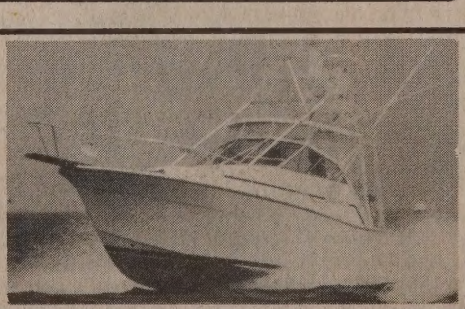

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rather swift some pros opt to rig up with a three-way snap swivel and a heavy bank sinker to keep that bunker drifting right along the bottom. Always use a heavy mono leader instead of a wire leader with this rig. If you know blues are feeding off the school and you can't buy a hit it's time to start finessing these fish. Dispense with the drail, clinch on, or bank sinker and try using an egg sinker instead. This will help if you are getting hit but can't sink the hook. What's happening is as soon as the fish feels all that extra weight, he knows enough to spit the hook, and leaves you with half a bunker. With the egg sinker the line will slide through it when the fish runs, giving you more of a chance to set the hook before he realizes he's been had.

Whether we're livelining for bass, weaks, or blues we always use a fast taper rod with a limber tip and plenty of backbone. Your choice of conventional reel should be based on the performance of that reel's drag system. Fifteen to twenty pound test line and a silky smooth drag system is what you'll need to tame these fish.

When there are no visual indicators present it's still possible to take your share of fish. Now it's time to break out the wire line rigs and troll along the beaches. Now most of the fish will be very tight to the beach, especially at high tide, many times well within casting range. If you think dragging wire is boring, wait till you hook up with a 20 lb. bluefish in shallow water on only 100 feet of wire. Bet you never thought you'd have to back down on a bluefish! Most of our big fish have come from 30 feet of water or less! During low tide these fish are more skittish and further off the beach. Big and small bunker spoons, umbrella rigs and swimming plugs all catch fish. We like to troll a Lupo Bunker Spoon and a Danny Plug until the fish tell us which one they prefer most. I like the large white Lupo Bunker Spoons and blue, yellow and white Danny plugs. Super Strike makes an excellent plug in yellow or white if you can find one. Troll these big baitfish imitations **slow and deep** for best results. Remember to use a heavy mono leader about 10 feet long between your wire and plug and don't skimp on the snap swivel either.

Barring a prolonged stretch of nasty weather these fish usually hang in there until at least the middle of November and usually until sometime after Thanksgiving. With all the legal holidays coming up in October and November there's absolutely no excuse for you to miss out on this excellent autumn action. The Election Day holiday is always set aside as The Crew's Day on the Regina M. We can usually bank on filling the cooler with some of the biggest, sassiest, tackle busting bluefish of the season during that first week of November. So I'd cast my vote for the first week of November being the most opportune time to hang a trophy bluefish on your wall.

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SUCCESS & FAILURE

by Matt Ahern

Students of the sport are way ahead of those who leave their fishing to guesswork.

Some weeks ago I received a letter from a Massapequa reader who in part said that, try as he might, he has been unable to put more than a half-dozen fish in his bucket—even when nearby fishermen filled their buckets to brimming. He wanted to know why this was happening to him, especially since I had been writing articles that claimed fishing is easy.

I immediately wrote this disappointed fisherman and told him that except perhaps to make a point in rigging, or something similar, I could not recall one instance in the hundreds of fishing articles I've written over the yars where I said fishing is easy. I wish it were easy—then I wouldn't have all those poor days I seem to fall heir to.

To get to the possible reason or reasons for this gentleman's "ill-luck," I asked him to send me his views on fishing in general, for it is here where we may find a clue, where we can point a finger and say: "See, here's where you're making a mistake!" At the moment of writing, I'm still awaiting a reply—and at this late date, it appears as if I won't get one.

But I know one thing. If our disgruntled reader still believes fishing is easy, then I'm afraid he's doomed to failure.

Harsh words? Unfeeling words? Perhaps. But that's the way I see it, for after being involved with fishing for over 65 years, I know damned little about it. I've admitted this many times before over the years and nothing's changed. I still don't know. I'm not saying there aren't others who do know all about it—but I have yet to meet such fishermen. Many claim or give the impression they have all the answers—and maybe so. However, I've always been leery of such fellows and believe you should too.

I have found it to be common knowledge among experienced fishermen that one of the reasons many fellows fail to succeed is due to their lack of an all-encompassing interest in the fish they seek.

Therefore, with that in mind, let me say this: when an angler acknowledges the fact that no man can ever know all there is to know about fishing, that the catching of fish entails intelligent thought and study, then and only then is he on his way to becoming successful. As an example: fluke and flounder may have a similar appearance, but that's all they have in common as far as we fishermen are concerned. If fished for without being aware of what that difference is, few will be the fisherman's reward. It's as simple as that.

Yes, I know there are fishermen who scoff at the thought of anyone not knowing the difference between a fluke and a flounder. And yet, this ignorance is quite common. Ask the bay constable who hands out citations like potato chips every summer to those fishermen who insist a short fluke is a good sized winter flounder. (Ignorance here will get you nowhere.) Now, if such fishermen cannot tell the difference between these two fish, how in the world can they expect to go out there and fill the bucket?

You and I know many excellent fishermen who seem always to catch fish—if you don't know them personally, you've heard about them, I'm sure. Why are these fishermen able to do this, where do they get the ability to produce fish when the chips are down? The reason is simple enough and the answer just as simple. All these fishermen have one thing in common: there is **not one** who does not have an abiding interest in fish, an interest often bordering on the fanatical.

These are the fellows who constantly search for the one clue that will answer the ever-present mystery of "Why?" They know their chance of success in solving this mystery is slim. But it matters not! This insatiable quest for knowledge—any knowledge—is what makes them expert fishermen.

Codfishermen often ponder why cod will sometimes pounce on a moving bait and refuse to do so the next time out. One fisherman told me he thought it was because the barometer was exceptionally high on those days which caused the fish to be much more active during that time. Another fellow told me he believed cod acted in this manner before the arrival of a stiff northeast blow. These fellows may or may not be right, but one thing is certain—they have done their homework!

Whether this unquenchable thirst for knowledge is inborn, I will not venture to say (I sometimes think it is). But I know one thing for certain: all expert fishermen suffer from this "thirst." And along with this, let me add that if you are a beginner at the fishing game and fortunate enough to know such fishermen, listen when they talk and advise. Not only will you learn much, you'll catch fish. You may even become the happy recipient of what took your adviser years of trial and error to learn. And let me also add that there is one thing to be said of these master fishermen: they seems always willing to share knowledge. And sometime during the sharing I can guarantee this will happen: you will positively be amazed when you discover successful fishing is dependent upon so many "little" things.

The fact that you know the proper way to bait a hook will not guarantee you fish. It is my belief that many fishermen fail to place enough importance to the simple art of rigging terminal tackle. Whether this is from innocent ignorance or lack of interest, I don't know. But you may be sure of one thing: these culprits go hand in hand. Indulge in either and you can guarantee a fishless day!

Here's an example of what I mean (and I've written about this incident several times before).

While fishing Shinnecock Canal for flounder one spring day, I hit upon one of those days we fishermen dream of. Flounder were being caught wherever one looked; double-headers seemed common as singles.

Everyone, that is, except a neighboring fisherman. Not a flounder did he have and not so much as a bite did he get. As this fisherman seemed not too friendly (and who could blame him under the circumstance?), I believed I would be better off minding my own business—although the urge to help was great.

I kept watching and eventually the reason for his poor fishing revealed itself. I noticed this fellow checking his bait, and when I did, I immediately saw that his two hooks were staggered along the main line a foot apart, with the lowest easily two feet above the sinker. Rigged this way, that poor guy might just as well have been fishing the Great Lakes for all the flounder he would catch. Few self-respecting flatties would swim that high off bottom, no matter how tempting the bait.

True, this fisherman wasn't rigged properly for flounder and that is

understandable, for certainly we've all got to start somewhere. But what wasn't understandable was this fellow's reluctance to seek aid from nearby fishermen. Perhaps he was stubborn, which all experienced fishermen will tell you is foolishness indeed. I have never known veteran fishermen to refuse a request for advice. Satisfies the ego, and all that. Had this unfortunate fisherman done so, I'm sure he, too, would have been catching his share of the fish.

Some fishermen also believe that to be equipped with the latest in the tackle maker's art is the answer to all their problems. Without question, fine tackle will make our sport more enjoyable—but it won't put fish in the bucket unless the fisherman knows how to use that fine tackle to his advantage.

This was proven one day while blackfishing on Shinnecock Inlet's west jetty.

There were a dozen or so fishermen doing a good job on nice-sized blacks that day. Upon the scene arrived a fisherman with a spanking-new rod and reel. He could cast well with this new gear and proceeded to call attention to his skill by making long, flawless casts out into the inlet. He was doing a fine job. There was only one thing wrong: he wasn't catching fish.

At the height of this gentleman's frustration, another fisherman, possessing a much used and abused rod and reel, set himself up nearby. He made his first cast close to the rocks and in five minutes had his first blackfish. With no strain or pain.

The reason for his success was apparent. The fisherman so engrossed with his casting skill knew nothing about blackfish. The fisherman with the tired tackle did—and proved it!

And let us not forget the farmer kid with his willow-branch rod. Ever try to outfish one of these kids? Forget it! And why is this, do you suppose? Again a simple answer. One of these kids put it all in a nutshell for me. "Mister," he said, "I live with these fish. There's not much I don't know about them."

A word to the wise is sufficient.

Let me leave you with this. If you truly want fish in that bucket, don't hesitate to read and study. Don't guess. Guesswork produces few fish. There are other reasons for failure, of course, but these are mostly caused by the Laws of Nature over which we have no control. Therefore, be serious about your fishing. Remember that old saw that claims anything worth doing is worth doing well.

There is no other way to fishing success, unless you wish to put in years of trial and error. Apply the knowledge you will have gained by determined pursuit and you quickly find the reasons for failure. And this is the best part. You'll not only have fish in that bucket, you'll know why fishermen fail. But you won't be one of them!

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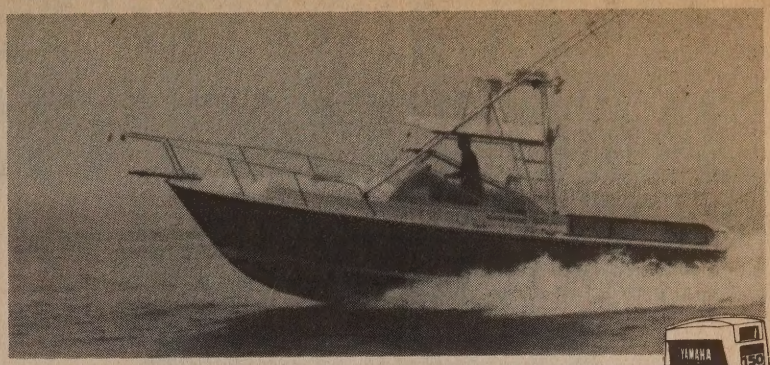

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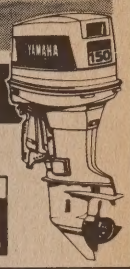

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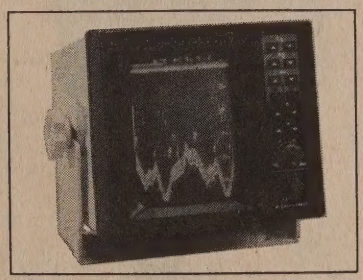

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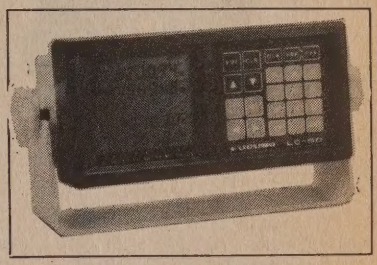

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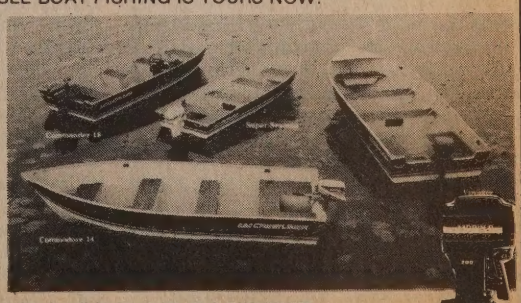

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NOVEMBER'S PARTING GIFT

by John Fritz

Could it be that your season has been a bust so far? Did business or family cause you to miss that blitz on your favorite beach? If so, don't give up hope, some of the best surf fishing of the season lies just ahead. With a little consideration from Ma Nature we'll be rewarded with conditions allowing us to pursue our sport into December. Even if your season up till now has been great, the month of November frequently provides memories good for a lifetime.

Fishing activity in Long Island Sound generally is on the decline as October passes into history. Catch and release sport with school bass is the best possibility over much of the Sound shoreline. Places like Caumsett, Eaton's Neck, Centre Island, Crane's Neck or other prominent headlands are prime areas from which to seek these fish, if one can gain access. Small to medium sized tins, in many instances adorned with a colored tube account for a majority of fish taken in the less rocky sections of the shore. The addition of a teaser, either a white feather or the Red Gill Rascal often results in double-headers when the fish are thick.

The month of November is a time when the fall migration is in full stride, probably a bit on the down side of its peak in mid-October. Most knowledgeable surfmen are frequenting the opposite shore where the ocean waters from Montauk to Breezy are producing thrills and excitment for veteran beach rats and novice fishermen alike.

Out in Montauk, daylight fishermen pursue migratory schools of fish along the sand beaches with the aid of a wide variety of vehicles, loosely classified as beach buggies. Occupants of a broad spectrum of machines, from peppy CJ 5s to cumbersome campers, have a sole purpose in mind. To place that lure down the hungry gullet of the nearest game fish. The choice of lures? At times, anything will ensure success but tins and needlefish or poppers, when they are hitting surface lures, comprise a major portion of the daytime angler's bag of trucks. The night tides are another matter, it is a time when needlefish plugs are used almost exclusively.

Meanwhile, a hard core of surfmen continue to ply the appropriate tides "Up Front," once the mantle of darkness has descended on the shore. Once again, the needlefish leads the list of lures cast into the troubled seas washing the Point, but the old standbys have not totally lost their usefulness. Darters, bottle plugs and loaded 7 inch RedFins continue to produce a fair share of fish along with a highly unlikely lure for such a rocky area as the Lighthouse—the bucktail.

The waters flowing through the general area of North Bar occasionally yield exceptional catches even for such a widely acclaimed place as Montauk. The walls of Johnny's Tackle Shop, back in town, were decorated with several new photos, dated 11-85. All were bass ranging beyond that magic 50 mark but including one impressive bluefish tipping the scale past the 22 pound indicator.

Further west, the glistening sands are trod by countless booted feet and crisscrossed with ribbons of beach vehicle tracks, indications of the widespread interest generated by the game fish passing our shores. Even where buggies have the freedom to roam the shore there is a tendency for surf fishermen to congregate in specific areas; areas where experience has shown produce quantities of fish year afteryear. The inlet areas are obviously a major attraction, both to fish and fishermen alike, but some seemingly insignificant stretches of beach occasionally erupt with periods of dynamite fishing. The beach fronting the Smith Point pavilion is one such location; parking field #6 at Jones Beach is another and to a greater degree, parking field #4 at Robert Moses, the latter a known provider of blitz-type surf fishing, late in the season, for many years.

The shore east of Shinnecock Inlet is both a favorite of local anglers and a place routinely checked by anglers traveling further east. Most attention is directed to where an extensive bar nudges the shore, several hundred yards east of the inlet jetty. The rise of the bar itself and the deeper pockets immediately adjacent are worked rigorously by casters slinging metal in a variety of shapes and sizes. Mostly though, slender tins are slowly dragged along the unobstructed bottom, a technique favored over the entire south shore of Long Island. At times the addition of a colored tube is essential to success. Red, green, or white, on one tide the fish respond well to one color; the following tide may see that color totally ignored.

The twin beaches at Smith Point and the National Seashore offer mobile sport fishermen better than a dozen miles of prime waterfront. While the forces of wind and sea continuously alter the face of this resilient shore, forming appealing terrain one season and erasing it the next, certain areas continue to produce fish over the course of the years, Great Gun and Old Inlet are

Bait will account for its share of big blues as the season wanes.

but two. Unfortunately, walk-on access is severey lacking in this section of coast, but the huge parking lot at the foot of the Smith's Point bridge provides road-bound anglers an excellent opportunity to participate in this fall phenomenon.

The roles are reversed as we travel west; buggy access is restricted basically to the shores of Fire Island Inlet while numerous parking areas cater to walk-on fishermen, though many are locked at night. Luckily, in '85 most action ceased after the sun had set, a disappointing situation for those holding 9 to 5 jobs.

Even though periods of truly exceptional plug casting are guaranteed along the south shore sometime this month, the lulls between are worked to advantage by anglers using cut bait. Massed schools of bunker or mullet can set the stage for a memorable experience, but even when the surf seems devoid of life, decent action can be had fishing bottom.

Surf fishermen living close to the Big Apple are handicapped somewhat due to the fact that they must travel further to reach the beaches mentioned so far. True most media attention is directed to the eastern beaches; some local anglers prefer it that way. With attention directed out east, they are free to pursue their sport, in relative solitude, in such places as Fort Tilden and Breezy Point, achieving results similar to their compatriots outside the city.

November's weather can be brutal at times, but the same weather which forces the less dedicated surfman to hang up his rods is the very factor which produces the insatiable desire of game fish to feed with abandon. For many the hot pursuit of hungry game fish overshadows all concern for comfort and warmth. That can be addressed at a later time while resting in the soft embrace of one's favorite easy chair, recalling with satisfaction the thrilling events of a November day at the shore.

SALMON RIVER SYSTEM

by Ken Gerhardt

Kenny "The Codfish" heads north to give us some tips on landing thirty plus pounders from freshwater.

Over the past 10 or 15 years the fishing in the general area of the Salmon River has gone from so-so to something bordering on the unbelievable. In just a few short years a fishery was created that one would be hard pressed to duplicate even in Alaska. For sheer quantities of fish I don't believe the Salmon River area can be topped. Where else can one hook and play, lose and land dozens of salmonoids of various types and persuasions weighing upwards of 30 pounds?

Needless to say, over the years one sees, and has seen, all sorts of tackle used, from ultra light spinning rods and noodle rods with 2# mono line, to saltwater surf rods with 50# fluorescent Stren. This article is about an integrated system of tackle which will allow the user a maximum of enjoyment in playing the fish, and still be fair to the others fishing nearby. I don't think there is anything more futile than a guy with 2# or 4# mono trying to control a 30 lb. or better chinook. Usually all that is accomplished is to tangle up 10 lines or so and tie up the pool before the fish breaks off. Light tackle is great fun, but the crowded pools of the Salmon River is not the place for it.

Over the years I've tried and used light saltwater spin rods, medium saltwater spin rods, medium saltwater fly rods, heavy saltwater fly rods among others. As far as reels went, I used Fin-Nor and Beaudex fly reels, Cardinal and Penn spinning reels (my buddy Bill Busch even tried a small Newell). All were lacking in one area or another. Standard fly lines were tried and rejected and various types and strengths of mono were tried with varying results.

Last spring, while sitting out a weather aborted cod jigging trip, I thought about how some of the deep jigging outfits for cod came about and decided to approach this problem the way we did with the deep jigging for cod. Until one defines the problem, one cannot solve it. So a list of the ultimate attributes the system should possess was made as follows:

Rod: Be light in weight so that arm fatigue does not set in after an hour or so of fishing; have an action such that large fish can be handled, yet be sensitive enough to pick up the light hit of a steelhead; be long enough to reach over undesirable water to fish a desirable lie, and also to be able to clear another fisherman and rods when a large fish decides to run back into Lake Ontario (which is quite often); and have a grip setup that is comfortable when holding the rod, as well as when applying heavy pressure to a fish.

Line: Not so strong as to straighten out a hook, but strong enough to turn a determined fish; possesses good abrasion resistance, as the line will certainly rub against rocks during the fight.

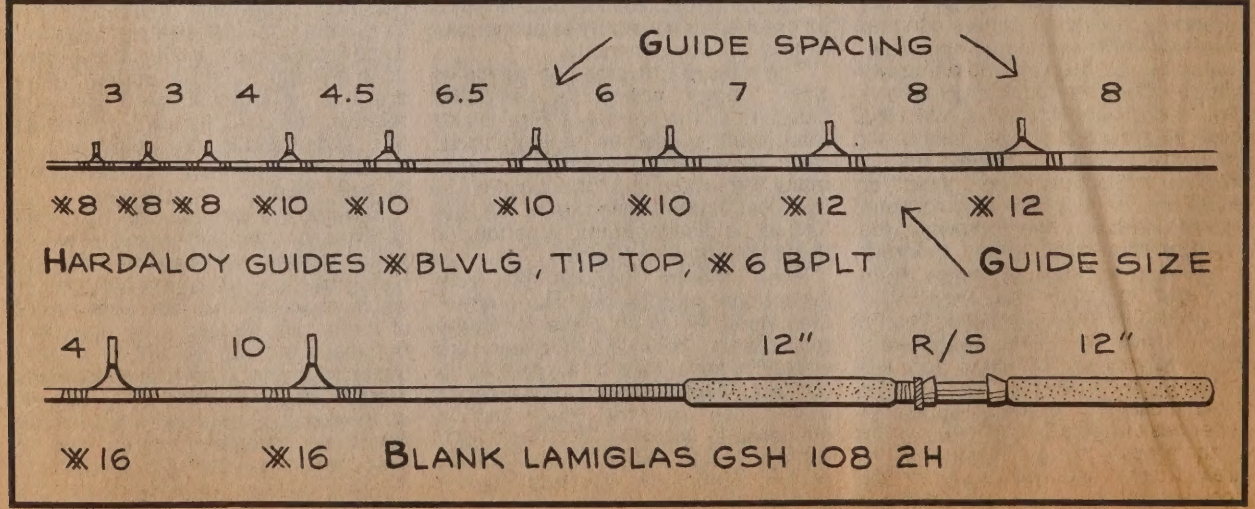
Reel: Choose between conventional and spinning type; drag must stand up to the pressure and long runs of the chinook; drag must be smooth, not grab and chatter; and weight should not be excessive.

Terminal Tackle: Hook pattern to allow most efficient hooking; hook size for different species (chinook vs. steelhead); weight choice for fishing level with respect to water depth and velocity; lure or bait.

As can be seen from the above list, there were a lot of factors to be taken into consideration before the system was settled. The only rod material that meets the mechanical specs above is graphite. It is lightweight, strong and is readily available in the action described. The action having a light tip and beefy butt is what a lot of folks call the West Coast action. The length was no problem as most rod blanks of this nature are 9 footers or better. After a lot of poring over catalogs and trying rods of friends, a Lamiglas blank #GSH 108 2H was chosen as that blank nearest my specs. It would handle from 10 to 30 lb. mono, is 9 feet long, and comes in a two-piece model, so it can be transported in a compact car.

The grips are the product of many trips, fighting many fish, with varying degrees of discomfort. The fore grip is as long as the rear grip (12"). This allows one to rest the butt of the rod against any part of your body and still put a lot of pressure on the fish. While fishing, the rear grip lies under the forearm and takes a lot of the strain off your arms.

We tried experimenting with various weight lines to try to find a line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test that was consistent with what we were attempting to do; that is, optimize our tackle for the fall run of fish. These fish could be brown trout, steelhead trout, coho salmon and big daddy himself: the chinook. Eight pound test was tried and it was very rapidly determined that even a smallish steelhead would easily snap it in the heavy current of the Salmon River in the fall. (Remember, a steelhead in 60 degree water is an altogether different fish than the one in the winter when the water temp is 40 degrees or under). Twenty pound was tried, and it proved to be too stiff and also, it grabbed the current too much. So we standardized on 15# test line. Just about any premium quality line is fine, but buy it in bulk spools, as it is far less expensive that way. I usually use non-fluorescent Trilene, but any decent line is okay. Figure on going through a couple of hundred yards or more in a day.

The reel was the biggest problem. I happen to favor conventional tackle in most situations where sensitivity to the lure or bait is required. There is no substitute for the line draped over, or running through your fingers for feeling out hits. This is a definite requirement here. The only problem is a conventional reel that holds enough line (300 yds. 15# mono) weighs a ton. It is also very difficult to keep up with a chinook who is running towards you. So the reel of choice became a spinning reel. It was, however, very difficult to feel anything but a sharp hit with the normal spinning rod grip setup. That is the reason for the 12" fore grip mentioned before. In use, the rod's rear grip is tucked under the forearm and the rod is grasped halfway up the fore grip with reel behind your hand. The line can then be run through the fingers for complete sensitivity as to what's going on down there in the water. The drag on the reel should be set for around 5#. If you want to break off a fish, just clamp down on the reel spool with your hand.

While trying the various brands of spinning reels, a buddy told me about the Alvey (or the Australian sidewinder). He praised it so highly, especially the drag, that I acquired one to try out on the Salmon. It is a completely "different" spinning reel than you are used to seeing, in that to cast, the body of the reel is rotated 90 degrees. There is no bail, bail spring or even gears. It does have an extremely smooth drag and holds an enormous amount of line. Last year I used one exclusively and hooked, lost and landed over 100 salmon and trout. There was no faltering or chattering of the drag. Look into this reel; it really is different. If you are not the adventurous type, any high quality spinning reel that holds 250 to 300 yards 15# mono will work.

As most of us know, the Salmon River has many restrictions, and most of them apply to the terminal tackle area. There must be 24" between the hook and the swivel that the leader is tied to. Any weight must be affixed to the line above the swivel, and the hook may not have a gap of more than 1/2 inch between the point and the shank. This is usually a 1/0 hook. I have found that the Mustad #92553 (upturned eye) in a size 1/0 works far and away the best for me. If one is fishing specifically for steelheads, a much smaller gold plated hook is recommended, usually a size 4 or 6.

In fishing the Salmon, most fish will be found either on the bottom or close to it. It is useless to drift your offering much more than a foot off the stream bed, so this requires a sinker of one sort or another. A lot of the guys use split shot, which sometimes is hard to get and is always very expensive. I use a pencil sinker setup which works, I think, better than the split shot as I don't get hung up as much. Better than that, I have a mold to cast these sinkers which makes them free after the mold is paid for. If the one ounce weight is too much, they can be easily cut to whatever size you may need. They are held in a small piece of surge tubing which is clipped to the swivel. Usually, if the sinker gets hung, you can pull the rest free and just replace the sinker.

The last item to be covered is a "lure" or bait. There are a lot of choices here; don't forget we're talking about the fall fishing, not the winter steelhead fishing. Many use spawn sacks, both commercial or home tied with good success. I have found them to be messy, inconvenient to carry, and most of all, not as effective as either a nylon sponge or any of the multitude of plastic baits sold in all the bait shops.

A couple of words on how to fish the abovementioned equipment. Use as short a line as possible, try to have the line straight down if at all possible, no slack in the line at all, and follow the lure along as it sweeps downstream with the rod tip. Cast upstream away from where you think the fish are holding, so that your lure can track along as near the bottom as possible, keep the line in contact with your finger(s) so you can feel any hit and strike **instantly** at any unusual feeling. After you feel a solid hook-up, hit him again a couple more times to set the hook.

New York State is recommending that **no more** than one meal (1/2#) of fish be eaten from **any waters** in the state per week. That being the case, unless you want a trout for a trophy mount, release them for someone else to enjoy. Trout live for a good number of years, and are not that prolific to be kept for no particular reason. The chinook and coho are another story; take as many as the law allows legally, as they only die shortly anyway. Their taste, at least to me, is identical with the trout, so eat the salmon and release the trout.

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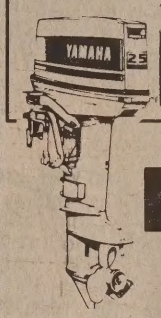

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A FRIGHTFULLY GOOD TIME!

by Ed Haring

For hours Scotty launched his deadliest lures seaward while hordes of huge bluefish were decimating acres of hapless bunkers just beyond casting range. Now for the long trek back. He plodded along until about midway, a shapely lassie in a bikini jogged by in the opposite direction. His head swiveled and he paused to take in the beauty of nature—the colorful setting sun, of course. Refreshed, he began humming "Thanks for the Memories" and lightly bounced over the soft sand to the parking lot.

He dumped gallons of water from his leaky waders and stored them and his gear into the rusting ancient station wagon. Now for a nice pastrami sandwich washed down by a frothy beer at Irving's Deli and some shuteye. He was snoring before his head settled into the pillow.

A trumpet blasted nearby and Scotty was being handed a white robe by a personable young fellow dressed in a sparkling white sport suit. He followed the chap and in a trice was seated before the desk of a stern-looking elderly man with a flowing beard. On the desk was a sign: **St. Peter, Presiding Judge.** He nodded courteously and then became occupied pushing buttons on a computer. Wheels spun and lights flashed while Scotty studied the expression on his judge's face. Sometimes a smile, a frown, a fit of uncontrolable laughter and finally serious consideration. He rose, smiled and extended a hand. "Welcome aboard, Scotty. You will get your wings and halo at your reception tomorrow night. Meanwhile, Michael will show you around." Then, as an afterthought added, "Some of the big ones that got away, were considerably larger than you painted them to be!"

Michael led him to a waterfront area where a large ocean liner was taking on apparently reluctant passengers. Michael explained: "They are headed for an extended cruise along the River Styx. The papers many of them are waving are writs of Hocus Pocus and Mumbo Jumbo—rather effective on earth, but useless here." The name on the stern read 'Andrea Doria II.' Swinging at anchor nearby was the 'Titanic II.' Next in line was a fleet of decrepit leaky rowboats. "Not exactly a fisherman's paradise. These fellows broke the rules of common decency while angling. Some were commercial, others recreational and so-called sportsmen. They thought they had it made by eluding conservation men, knowing someone influential, etc., etc., ad infinitum. Now they are going on an unescorted expedition to the Bermuda Triangle."

Scotty finally found his tongue. "Gee, I'm sorry for those poor souls. What did they do to merit such punishment?" "We hate to lose them even more. You were born below with a free will, a conscience and a set of 10 simple rules. Since that time men have tried to revise the rules and the books they wrote cram the shelves of huge buildings. They twist, justify offenders and even glorify them. Each has loopholes to squirm through. No one has reached here yet without fracturing less than four of the ten.

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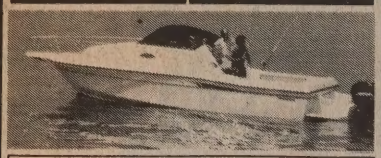

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We mix understanding and forgiveness in the judgment. You will be surprised to see some of the characters that will welcome you tomorrow. It is Halloween; how would like you a ghost pack to take a final look below?" Scotty took one look at a fish-shaped island on the globe below, reached out for the small disc and made straight for the rocks below Montauk's beacon.

He recalled when a handful of fishermen were spread at wide intervals and the waves below teemed with fish. Now every available rock was crammed with anglers and a handful of fish cruised about chuckling at the items being tossed at them. It has been said that fully 60 percent of the fish taken were victims of yellow darters. A quick check revealed that 90 percent of the casters were using them. The rest ranged from the stars of last year's AFTMA exhibition to carefully whittled broom handles. To calculate the odds, please refer to the $7,642.98 computer you bought your five-year-old for Christmas.

Suddenly, there came a few splashes. A drag screamed in amazement and dozens of lures homed in on the area. Words too salty for angelic ears soared to a crescendo. Thankful that his new ectoplasm enabled him to go through anything, he drifted westward along the North Shore area. Had he tried it with the 48 inch waist he left behind, there would have been real chaos. All the fishermen must have been home dunking apples with the family—except for a few huddled around a fire near Lilco. Two hardy fellows persevered, but the others watched and exercised their jaws. No point venturing into the domain of the Great Gatsbys, so he zipped over to Moses State Park.

It was still hours before dawn, but the parking lot looked like the staging area for full scale battle. Red-eyed "infantry" were selecting their favorite weapons and full dress for the chilly march to Democrat. Engines on the caravan of 4WDs growled as they plowed through the soft sand. News of those fish off the beach had spread like wildfire. Unrestricted by the darkness, Scotty spotted some unusual activity on the inlet side at the point where the first rocks of the jetty began. A trim Whaler covered with tarps was executing a slow arc, while a fellow in the stern paid out a fine meshed net. Two confederates in waders held the other end. At the throttle was all 295 lbs. of Clam Belly McCabe. On the shore was a custom bodied 4WD with several large plastic trash cans lined up—some near full of any sized stripers, hotel sized blues and a goodly number of weakies. Big blues were a glut on the market and were being left as a good will gesture to the gulls.

For the sole benefit of Mr. McCabe's eyes and ears, Scotty fingered the disc and took on an eerie glow as a loud fog horn blasted. Clam Belly turned ashen and the hairs on his tastefully set toupee stood straight. He opened the throttle all the way; the fellow in the stern pitched over into the net, also entangling his two buddies. Their haul got away as they thrashed in the cold shallow water. The Whaler leapt onto the beach, upsetting the cans of fish. The powerful engine died, but only after sinking several inches of bow into the truck's new body. Clam Belly? He sailed like a human cannon ball, head-first into one of the cans containing a number of very short stripers. Miraculously, the other fish revived and made it back to the water. A conservation officer, attracted by the ruckus, came onto the scene and put bracelets on McCabe before unwedging him from the can. Off he went with the evidence and four bedraggled culprits.

At the Point, foot sloggers were enviously inhaling the aroma of coffee being brewed on tailgates. The ocean was like a lake with the first hint of the sun's arrival. Squadrons of gulls filled the sky in an instant. They squawked and dove like plummets as the placid waters were churned into foam. Frantic bait did their best to become airborne. Without exception, the landlubbers grabbed for their weapons and raced for elbow room. Scotty knew some naughty expletives would soon erupt, so he zoomed off to West End. The number of fish dwindled considerably between the two points, but migration would balance things out in a few days.

He joined his long time friends in the parking lot, although none noticed him. While they huffed and puffed through the soft sand toward the radio shack he just drifted effortlessly. Once there, they selected their favorite logs and began spinning off repeated yarns and scuttlebutt. A couple actually scanned the water, made a few half-hearted casts and returned to their version of the Senior Citizens Club. They were all veteran fishermen who learned that merely waving a fiberglass rod at the water would not produce—eventually the fish would come. They did this day after day for the entire season. Not only did they get fresh air and camaraderie, but they escaped household chores, bill collectors and tongue lashings by the little lady. Scotty formulated a plan to make this day memorable. He strode out on the water and located pods of fish patiently biding their time offshore.

Boxcar Andy lobbed his popper just as the vanguard arrived. In a flash, everyone felt 20 years younger, grabbing rods and ambling into position. A few over-aged lines popped like pistol shots, while more than one reel became balky for want of lubrication. Ferdy the Hog beached a nice blue on his first cast. Hastily he removed the hook and went back into action. Almost every cast drew a solid hit, but nary a hook-up. It was only later that he found the bend and barb of the hook was embedded in the jaws of his catch and only the rusted shaft dangled from his Hopkins. Scotty smiled: here was a group with class. If

one had a fish on, those nearby gave leeway so it could be landed. They returned all but those for immediate table use. For the time being, fishing was a sport rather than a senseless massacre. Just as abruptly as it started, the blitz was over and the trek back was about to begin. "Scotty will never forgive himself for missing this." "Yeah, it's not like him," another said. Just then Roman Sam waddled up, too late again, and said, "You mean you didn't read about Scotty in the papers?" Not wishing to hear eulogies or becoming a legend after his time, Scotty was off for Breezy Point.

The 'Nellie Lee' with her outriggers spread and flat lines out made a majestic picture, unless you took a second look and saw the smaller craft desperately scattering out of her way. Attired in the uniform of a rear admiral, Sol the Designer, scanned banks of electronic equipment that rivaled NASA headquarters. He had been called worse things on his rise from Hester St. than those fellows in their walnut shells used. He sipped his Jim Beam, looked down into the cockpit full of fish and six glassy-eyed buyers. He hated fishing, but learned that the bulk of his sales originated from those smelly critters and spirits bottled in bond.

On the beach, surfcasters waited for the fish to move in. They did; so did Sol. Lines were cut, the school sounded and scattered. Scotty landed on the flying bridge and turned on his brightest glow for the culprit's eyes only. The 'Nellie Lee' spun in three tight circles as though the bow was intent on climbing onto the transom. The cockpit became a shambles of fish, bottles spewing their valuable contents, and would-be customers wallowing in the mess. The wire lines were woven into cables thick enough to support the Brooklyn Bridge. Ashen faced, Sol stumbled down. "Dummy...you look as though you saw a ghost." "I did,' moaned Sol. Baffled, not beaten, he began lettering a sign: FOR SALE—A Bargain.

As Scotty was being fitted for his halo and wings, St. Peter sauntered over and said, "Nice work for a novice. I'll get you a 24-hour pass next year if you wish. In the days when I was down there, I, too, was a fisherman. There were days when it took a miracle to make a decent catch." A horde of relatives and friends rushed up to greet Scotty as he was led through the Golden Gate. "Gee, this is heavenly—it really is."

The daylight hours are growing shorter, the leaves have begun to fall and there is a bit of a chill in the air. Halloween is about to pounce on us. Will Scotty return and be looking over your shoulder? Just to be on the safe side, I would double check my gear to be sure it is up to standard should he decide to coax a blitz into your area. In the case of Clam Belly and Sol, et al, it might be well to stay close to the home fires and do a bit of serious thinking.

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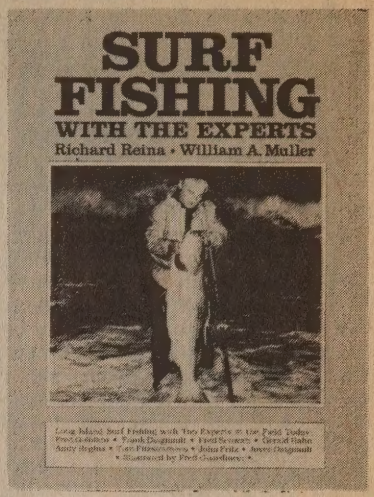

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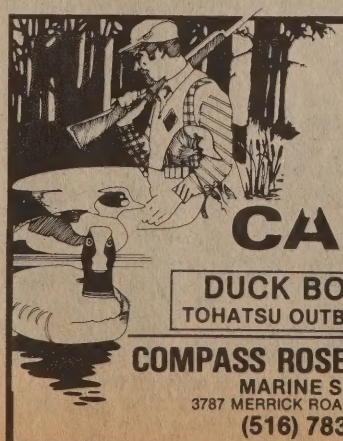

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SIDE PLANERS FOR SALTWATER

by Tim Coleman

As more and more saltwater fishermen from our area are drawn to the trout and the salmon fishing in Lake Ontario, it is only natural that the methods they encounter up there will be put to work once they get back home. Such is the case with side planers. At present, their use is restricted to a couple charter boats on eastern Long Island Sound, but their applications are expected to grow.

Side planers are made in different designs and construction depending on manufacturer. The ones I saw were made of two pieces of wood about 2½ feet long by 18 inches high and about 3/4 to 1 inch thick. They were attached by two bolts which held them about 12 to 16 inches apart. The two boards were staggered so the inside one stuck out approximately 10 to 12 inches in front of the outside one. The front edge of both boards was cut at a 45 degree angle so their "bows" looked very much like miniature versions of some of the barges seen heading up and down the Sound.

On top of both boards are two small red flags which allows an angler or boat operator to see their location once put into the water. On the inside portion of the inside boards is a metal eye wih 150 to 200 feet of line attached. The way the boards were used was the line was tied off to the handrail of the flybridge of a 36 foot charter boat, then the board and line let out in the current. As the boat trolled slowly uptide, the force of the current and the angle of the front of the boards caused them to ride on the surface but away from the boat by as much as 75 to 90 feet once all the line was let out. This opens a lot of possibilities to saltwater fishermen who need to increase the spread of their lures beyond the range of their outriggers or get lures into spots they don't want their boats to be.

The team responsible for bringing the side planer to Long Island Sound was Kerry Douton of J&B Tackle and his father, Jack, captain of the charter boat Dot E Dee. They're been refining their use successfully for blues and green bonito in the rips and around the islands off Niantic, Ct.

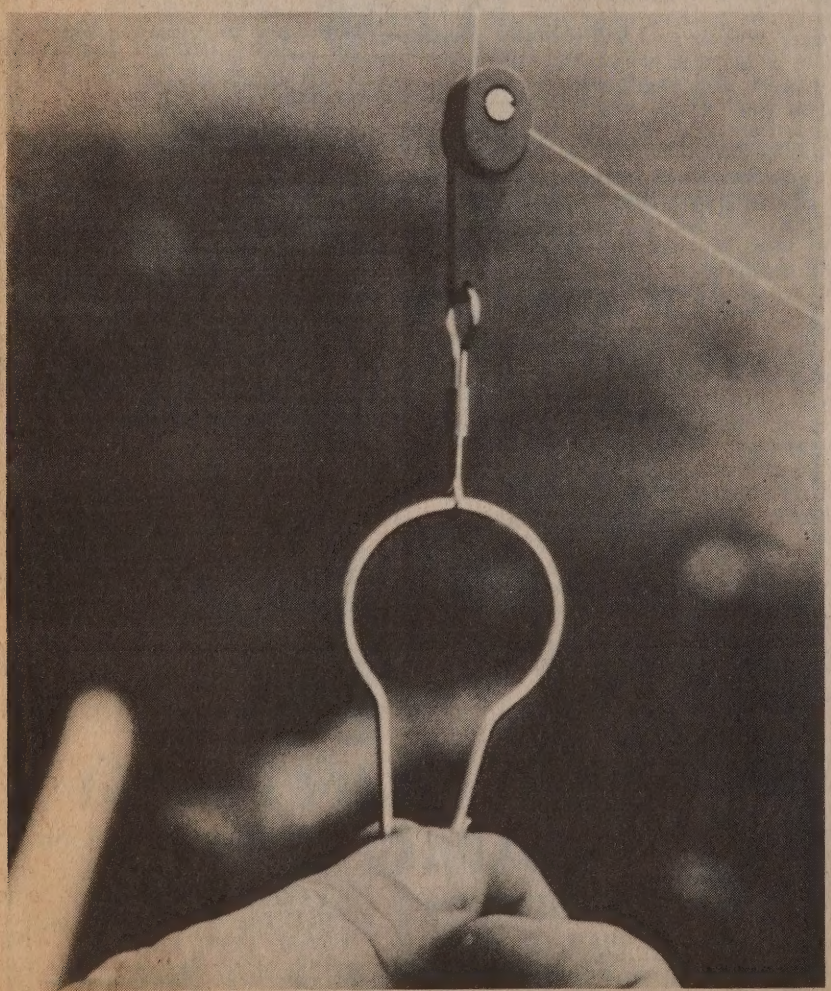
One day last spring I was in Kerry's shop when he first got the planers, announcing they would probably work locally. Throughout the summer he and his father tested and retested them, finally coming up with a workable idea. Once they had most of the rough spots out, I asked them to take me out for a demonstration.

Our first stop that day was Bartlett's Reef. Peter, the mate, tossed the planer out, let out 150 feet of cord, then tied off the cord to the railing on the flybridge. Once in place, the planer rode parallel to the boat about 75 to 85 feet away.

To clip the fishing line on the side planer cord, Kerry likes a release clip made by DuBro Products from Wauconda, Illinois. The DuBro clip is made up of two parts: one, the plastic end is intended for the fishing line; the other is a metal connecting link originally intended to go on the plane cord attached to the flybridge handrail. Kerry, however, went one better on the design. He took shower curtain rings, clipped one of those into the connecting link, then had a better clip that slid down the planer cord a lot faster.

Once you had the fishing line into the plastic section of the DuBro clip you opened up the shower curtain ring, clipped it back on the planer cord, then watched as it slid down the cord to the side planer. The more line you let out from the reel, the further down the cord it slid. Once you put the reel in gear the clip held in place a certain distance down the cord. The lure was riding in the water a distance behind the clip.

Jack and Kerry—so far—have two different lures they experimented with on side planers. One is a surface plug like the Zara Spook; the other are saltwater flies used in conjunction with some lead core line. First, let's talk about the surface plugs. Customers on the charter boat get a big charge out of watching the Spook work its way up a rip with blues boiling behind it. Once a fish grabs the plug for good, the line pops out of the clip and the angler fights the fish on a direct connection.



Clip used on the side planer cord was made up from a release made by Du Bro Products and ordinary shower curtain ring. Fishing line goes in the clip on the right; shower curtain ring slids down planer cord line.

Keep in mind that as a 36 foot boat crosses the high point of a shallow reef, the motor noise has a tendency to scatter fish to either side of the boat. That's where planers come in. As fish move away from the motor noise, they see the plug or flies and take a whack at them.

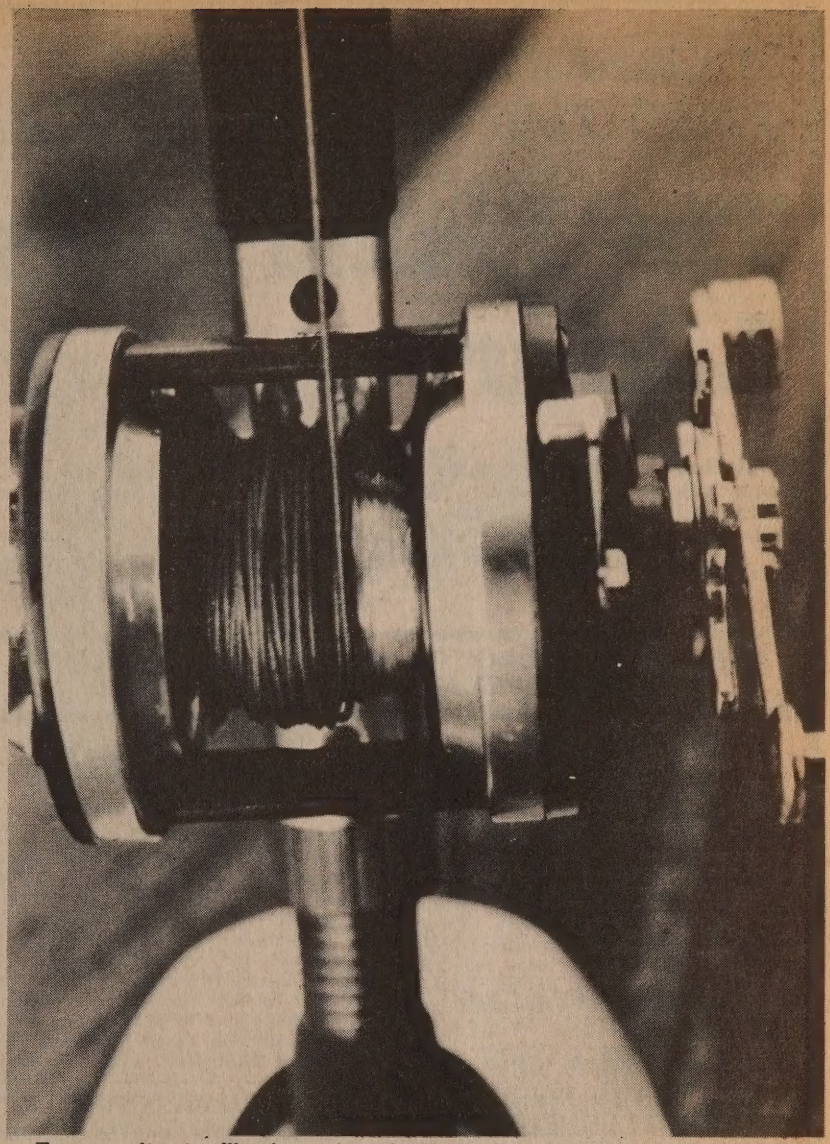
Now, let's talk about the flies. They are pieces of hackle or feathers tied on 1/0 hooks. The tying isn't complicated, just something to imitate the small bait blues feed on. Some flies are tied right to 30 pound or lighter mono leader; others have a small trace of light wire between them and leader. The flies without the wire get more hits, but also suffer more bite-offs. The flies, however, were mainly used to fool the eagle-eye green bonito rather than the blues. To date, Jerry said they had good results catching bonito with this system.

After the 10 foot section of leader they tie a 6 foot piece of 36 pound test lead core line. This keeps the fly down in the water where it's more apt to be hit by a bonito. After putting the lead line onto the main line on the reel it's a simple matter to let out fly, leader, lead line and running line about 50 to 80 feet astern then clip the line into the plastic clip then clip the shower curtain ring to the planer cord, then watch as it slids down the cord to a position well away from the noise of the approaching boat.

We might also mention you can run more than one lure off each planer. For instance, it's very possible to have three lures out off each side. One can be positioned very close to the planer boards; the other two spaced out evenly between the first lure and side of the boat. With a side planer system even a small boat could fish six lines. On one of the two trips to Lake Ontario I've made, I observed 14 foot tin boats fishing six lines for brown trout off Rochester, NY. Most of the smaller rigs, though, had a pole, very similar to that used for a tow ring on a ski boat, mounted somewhere to the middle or stern of their boats. Some of the poles were quite high, perhaps 6 to 10 feet off the water. The cord from the planer boards is tied off to either side on top of the poles and trolling begins. In our area, I suspect people could just tie off planer cords to either side of a center console or perhaps a hardtop on cuddy cabin models.

Our second stop that trip, after putting 10 small blues in the box from Bartletts, was Race Rock Light. Readers familiar with tide there know you don't troll a 36 foot boat within feet of the stones, yet that's where we had a lure thanks to the side planers. As the boat moved up past the Light on the flood tide, we had a pink fly trolling nicely only four feet from the rocks. Such a maneuver would be impossible even with outriggers or extremely dangerous to motor in that tight.

Our third and last stop that day was over in the shallow bay to the north of Gardiner's Island. In 30 minutes fishing we caught 8 more small blues, all of which hit the planer lines. Rods fished directly astern got nary a hit. The fish definitely seemed shy of the hull going overhead and responded only to lures fished out away from the engine noise.



To use saltwater flies in conjunction with side planers, the Doutons use six foot piece of lead core line on their reels. This gets fly down in the water where it's more apt to be grabbed by a bonito.

I'm sure each person in the audience can stop and think of locations where side planers hold promise. For instance, people who troll in close around the Norwalk Island in western Connecticut might check them out. Perhaps there's a use for them to fish live bait just outside the surf line on Crane's Beach just north of Gloucester, MA. Kerry thought giant tuna fishermen might pick on planers to tow daisy chains out away from the boat to increase the spread of their lures, thus covering more water per troll.

The side planers I saw would work okay at 2 to 3 knot speed for giants but not 8 to 10 for high speed trolling. They were, however, sturdy enough to keep upright in moderate chop or rip. I don't know about some of the crashing stuff like the Old Man Rip south of Nantucket, but in some of the other rips between the Vineyard and Musketgut they may hold promise.

Charter boat captains anxious to catch a fair amount of fish for their customers yet at the same time get them away from wire line and the 100-blues-per-man syndrome might consider a set. They easily lend themselves to light tackle just like downriggers. The cost of the boards shown in the photo was approximately $90 apiece.

So here's something to think on this coming winter. Side planers will be on hand at various fishing shows for you to take a look at and consider spending a couple bucks. The percentage of people using them now is very small, but that may change. They look to us and people like the Doutons that side planers may have a place in saltwater fishing.

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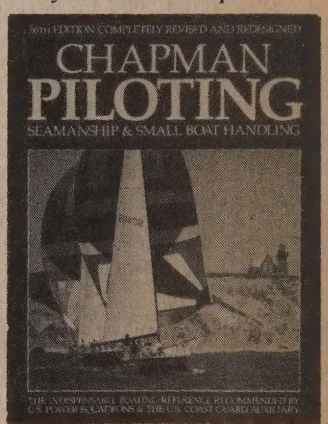
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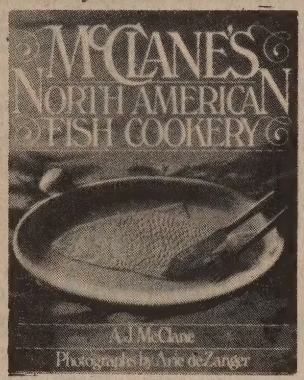

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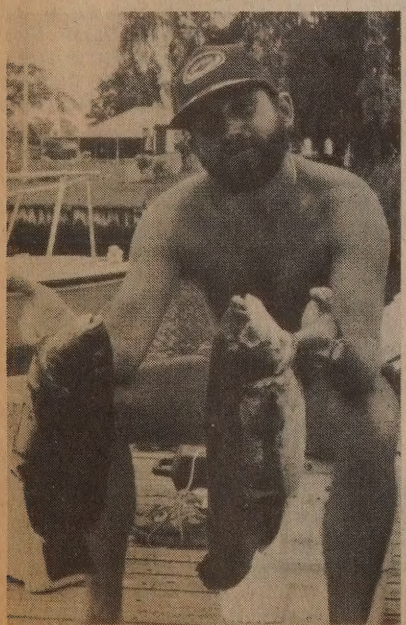
A trip with **Edelman's** Lou Rosado, Gary Besmer and Mike Waterman did locate twenty-one blackfish, a cod and seabass on Southwest Ledge on Saturday. A videotape of this trip, featuring baiting for blues will be shown this Friday at 7:30 pm on L.I. Fishing (Channel 55). However, I should have been on the trip the day before, when Lou, Nick, Dr. Fayer and Dr. Sarin bagged fourty-one blackfish, the largest over eleven pounds and many over eight pounds along with six cod and a dozen bluefish. Both trips were on Lou's boat "Sea Whimp".

Captain Mike Bentivegna Jr. (**Pronto**) fished with John Richie of the Huntington Anglers, and eight year old Artie Lucas Jr. on Sunday. Eight year old Artie hooked at least thirty blackfish himself. The group located many blacks fishing wrecks on the south side of Montauk, most in the medium to small range.

Captain John DeMaio reported pretty good blackfishing over the pst two weeks on the charter boat **Vivienne**. Recent trips include a catch of fifty blackfish on a half day charter



Tony Parkes shows blacks of 4½ and 6 lbs. he caught this past summer at the Ruins in Gardiner's Bay.

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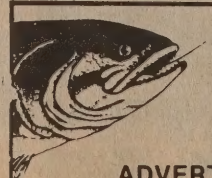

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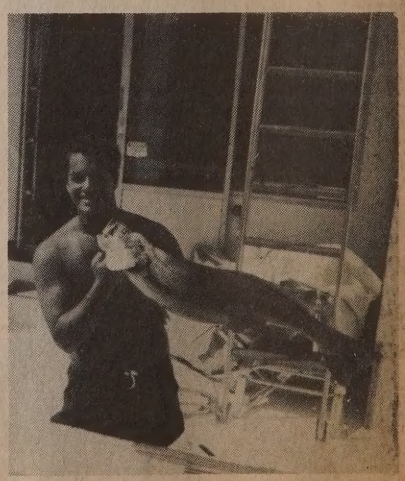
last Wednesday. On Thursday, with bad weather, a two man charter landed fourty blackfish plus a lot of sea bass and some cod. Captain John switched to porgies on Sunday since blackfishing tapered off. He located very large scup, some of two to four pounds, with a dozen sea bass. Packs of large spiny dogfish have moved into Montauk waters, along with the vast schools of bluefish, playing havoc at times with bottom fishing efforts. Captain DeMaio will fish through December for blackfish, when "Montauk fishing is at its best, and the blackfish bite better."

Captain Mike Albronda of the charter boat **Montauk**, reported sixty-one degree water temperatures at the Point, accounting for the presence of green bonito and the reluctance of blackfish to feed properly. Blackfish charters returned with fourty blackfish on Friday, twenty-five on Saturday. Bass charters have resulted in catching and releasing twenty-five to fourty stripers per trip, along with all the blues you want. An effective method the past week was the trolling of a single or double lure on a down rigger, wtih jigging a little less effective in slow tides. Captain Mike will sail through December first this year, because of the very mild weather and predicts that "the best is yet to come".

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** reported excellent porgy fishing the past week and weekend, with jumbos and "oven stuffer roaster" porgies the order of the day. Most anglers managed a couple of buckets apiece, with groups of anglers filling large coolers. On Thursday, high hook was reported at 166 porgies. Many sea bass are included in the catch, along with a few cod per trip. Saturday night's tuna trip returned with a 134 pound big eye tuna, 22 yellowfin to 85 pounds and two longfin albacore with only ten anglers aboard. Tuna trips have been discontinued due to lack of angler interest,



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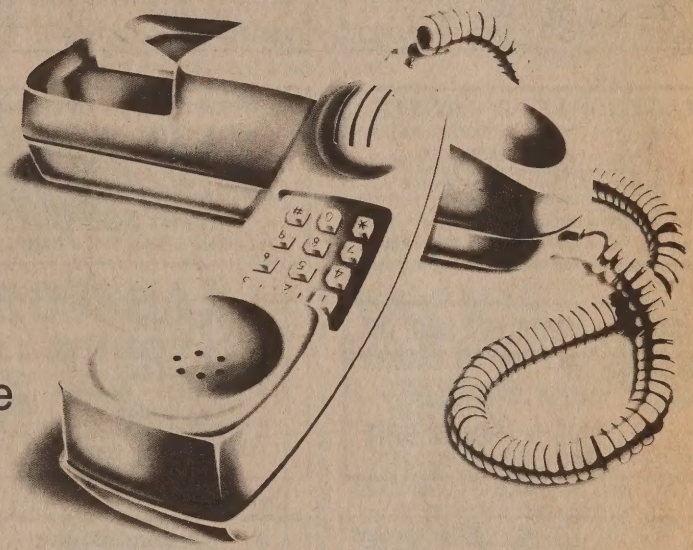

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although tuna usually are caught in the canyon until December. Night bluefishing is excellent, except when dogfish move in as they did on Saturday's trip. The blues are all big! Bluefish trips will continue and are scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights. Space is still available on the **Starship**'s last scheduled George's Banks trip, November 7th.

Captain Steve Mauss reports good blackfishing with the potential of getting excellent since a period of favorable tides is coming up. Saturday's charter on the **Kraken III** located blackfish to eight pounds at Shagwong. Bluefishing is superb, with large numbers of bass on all trips. Captain Mauss will guest on L.I. Fishing this week to pick the winner of a free blackfish charter trip on the **Kraken III**, and will reveal his "secret" blackfish rig.

Captain Ron Grandinetti enjoyed a fantastic catch of Block Island porgies on Saturday. Jessie Walker of New York City and his friends took all they could carry on the **Julie III**. On Sunday, a mixed bag was caught on Frisby and New Grounds with Louie Velasquez and his friends. The total catch: 237 porgies to 3½ lbs., 87 blues to 16 lbs. and four dozen sea bass to 3 lbs.

Captain Bill Ricca of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** reported that while

there have been a few days of good blackfish action, real fall action has not yet begun, and predicts a great late season. Most charter groups have fished blackfish in the morning, then settled in for fine bluefish action in the afternoon. Captain Ricca has two weekend dates open in November. Call (516) 543-4529 for information.

A Monday night bass charter with the Stankevitch group from Montauk fished on the **Bluefin IV** for catch and release bass. Bucktails trolled under the light accounted for 30 bass to 25 lbs., along with many bluefish. An attempt to locate a big bass on drifted eels was unsuccessful. Tuesday's charter with Bob Fischman and his uncle resulted in 70 blues in the fish box with about 30 bass released, all caught trolling and jigging. Harold Soskin and his family caught blues and bass Saturday, then settled in for bottom fishing on the south side where many sea bass, porgies and blackfish were caught, some of the sea bass weighing 3 and 4 lbs. Many finning dogfish were noted on top. Sunday's group, the Dents from Albany, first fished bass, releasing about 30, then caught two barrels of porgies, with dogfish taking some baits. Over 200 blues were taken back to Albany.

Captain Joe McBride of the charter boat **My-Mate** related that bluefishing is excellent, with all you want at the Point, using any method: trolling, jigging, casting, etc. The amount of bass is phenomenal, with as many as 22 bass caught in 1½ hrs on Sunday morning. Weekend charters included John DeMaio on Saturday afternoon and Tom Dooley and his friends on Sunday. There are some open dates in November. Call for information.

Captain Gene Kelly reported on a Saturday morning charter with Bill McMenney where the bass were so numerous that you could see them swimming under the boat. Over 30 bass to 10 lbs. were caught and released on the **Kellyboat**, casting with spinning rods on Montauk's south side.

On a two day charter with Dennis Tikennen and Donna and John Czerniawski on the charter boat **Caprice**, the trio loaded up with porgies on morning trips to Block Island, then settled in for blues and bass in the afternoons at Jones Reef and Shagwong on Monday and Tuesday. Captain Storc stemmed the tide while the trio jigged all the blues they wanted, releasing dozens of bass. Because of the bass ban, Captain Storc has decided to take the **Caprice** out of the water early, and will start up again April 15th for cod and flounder. He thanks his customers for great season.

Tom Jordon, speaking for **Gone Fishing Marina** spoke of porgies red hot at Block Island, Gardiner's Island and near Connecticut, with a slight slowdown at Montauk's south side. Flounder are picking up at Culloden Point and Montauk's Fort Pond Bay. Bluefish are still ganged up in

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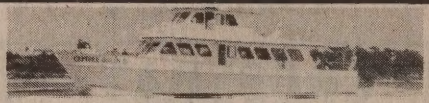

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phenomenal numbers anywhere in Montauk waters. Blackfishing is getting better as evidenced by a catch of 157 blackfish by T.J. and Sal on the marina based boat "Contagious," in local waters. Most fish were medium size, top weight 8 lbs. Offshore, Jack Siele had a brief encounter with another mako, which unfortunately broke off.

SOUTH FORK

George Pharaoh said that bluefish are nearly gone from the Peconic Bays now but that anglers are finding some nice size flounder in Sag Harbor Cove. One angler who has been catching about ten large flatties a day, many reaching two pounds in weight, commented on being bothered by blue claw crabs while flounder fishing, and has been pulling them up with his flounder rigs. Marina boats are traveling from **Bayview Marine and Tackle** to Orient for blackfish.

Captain Artie Lach commented that water temperatures are keeping porgies around, while not encouraging blackfish. The captain of the **Wilhelric II** feels that this will be a late season, and suggests calling for latest fishing reports before making the trip to Sag Harbor. On an encouraging note, however, Captain Lach did witness the weighing of a truly large blackfish, fifteen pounds ten ounces which was caught on the "Captain Liver" on Sunday. A sign of things to come! A reminder that all tickets on the **Wilhelric II** are sold for November ninth.

Customers from **Speck's Bait and Tackle** have been locating flounder at the Commercial Docks, Coast Guard Station and Ponquogue Bridge in Shinnecock Bay, with a few large, although not many, at Heady Creek. A good catch of sea bass was made on Frisby's (south of Montauk), where a group boated sixty-five sea bass all over three pounds, the largest weighed four pounds six ounces. The same anglers reported loads of dogfish at New Grounds, off Gurney's Resort. Many blackfish have moved into the Brickyards at Southold, according to Thom Speckenbach.

Fishing The Dip on Saturday night, Andy Pollak, aboard his "Hot Potato III" out of Indian Cove Marina in Hampton Bays, enjoyed some hot blue water action. Andy and crew landed 2 bigeyes weighing 190 and 240 pounds along with 35 yellowfin tuna to 110 pounds. They needed only five hours to land these fish.

Bob Tangolic caught a couple of pollock fishing on the Coimbra Wreck, with bluefish.

Pete Schroeder of the "Red Eye", and Dee and Joe Eisinger, joined Bob Tangolic on his "Misty Blue" on Saturday for a trip to the Coimbra. While no cod were located, they returned to **Sherri and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks**, with a thirty pound pollock and a load of large bluefish. Sherri Corr reported a few flounder in Shinnecock's basket, however the best flounder catch of the weekend was made by Bill Hichak and his son, Billy, who located thirty flounder, all one to two and a half pounds on Sunday, fishing Heady Creek. Louie Minekow and Doc Halliday tried an offshore jaunt on the "Albermarle" Saturday and reported the capture and release of a two-hundred pound blue shark.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Blackfish and flounder continue to be the main targets of sinker bouncers although on some days, both species have left a lot to be desired. Sea bass continue to pick up much of the slack, both in the bays and on ocean wrecks and reefs. A sustained period of cold weather would probably do a lot to improve both the flounder and blackfish action. Bluefishing appears to be rounding into peak fall form with lots of big blues now being taken outside both Moriches and Fire Island inlets. Big weakfish and big blues continue to be a possibility for liveliners inside both Fire Island and Moriches. For those blue water anglers who haven't had their fill of action, they should know that the canyon was red hot for boats who made the long trek this week and weekend.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** reported that a couple of flounder are being picked from Patchogue and Blue Point town docks and the mouth of Beaver Dam Creek. The best bet here however is blue claw crabs which continue to be taken in good numbers by crabbers using traps and bunker bait. Paul heard that flounder fishing had slowed in Moriches this week but that the buoy 27—Forge River area was still producing lots of crabs. A pick of flounder at the Sore Thumb with some kingfish

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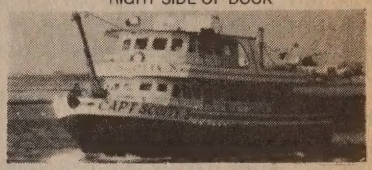

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Eight-year-old Luke Hostetler caught these fluke on his first try at fluke fishing. He fished out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches.

and sea bass mixed with them. Big blues are being taken inside Moriches Inlet by drifting chunked bunker while plenty of 5 to 7 pounders were trolled and jigged out to the Sea Buoy. Local residents Chris and Ken Honce and Sam Kenoffio treked to Port Jeff Harbor Saturday AM where they took 12 big blues on live bunker. On Wednesday, Billy Anderson, aboard the family boat 'Genie', took a 215 pound mako while fishing in 135 feet of water south of Moriches. An estimated 300 pound blue shark was released at the boat.

From **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**, Jim Romano reported some larger blackfish taken at the Kismet Reef this week. The action has been picky however with a few good catches being made. Sea bass have been picking up the slack for the blacks. Flounder too have been picky with the best bet in the State Channel near Fox Creek or the north end of Dickerson Channel. The Sore Thumb has been producing a mixed bag of kingfish, flounder, sea bass and blacks. Also excellent crabbing here, so bring a trap. Big blues were taken by a handful of boatmen on Friday working close to the beach off of Robert Moses.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** reported some very good blackfish action during the week but noted that the fishing did slack off on the weekend. On Thursday, John Wickey put away 21 tog. Barry Paige counted 24 blacks for his efforts. Jack Gleason led the way on Friday with 18 fish. Neil thought that most fares managed around a half dozen blacks on the weekend trips.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** described the bluefish action as excellent both day and night with fish ranging all the way up to 18 pounds being taken close to the beach some days and off on the wrecks other days. Some days have seen the big blues spitting up baby weakfish. The skipper reminded that due to lack of interest during the week, night trips are now limited to Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7PM.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the new **Speedy VIII** said that he will kick of the codfish season with a special offshore trip on November 11th. His regular cod schedule will consist of 6AM during the week and 5AM weekend sailing times. Of the bluefishing, he called it almost too good with dynamite fishing near the San Diego and some days right along the beach. Fish are being taken on jigs and bait and most range from 8 to 15 pounds.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Joseph II** said that there are still plenty of sea bass on the wrecks. More blackfish are showing up now on the inshore wrecks and reef. On Saturday, there was good sea bass action with most fish averaging 1 pound. Hi-hook had over 40 bass and the pool was taken by Frank Collins of Syosset with a 4.1 pounder. Sunday saw a good pick of sea bass and porgies until the east wind picked up in the late morning. Fifty jumbo blues from 12 to 19 pounds were mixed in with the catch on Wednesday's trip.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** said that action on the wrecks and reef has been pretty good with sea bass action remaining steady. Sonny Angelica had 24 sea bass to 3 pounds on a weekday trip. A 5.5 pound sea bass was taken on Wednesday. Saturday saw some nice blacks to 8½ pounds taken amongst the sea bass. Carl reminded that the best blackfishing is yet to come as water temperatures continue to drop. Bruce Tommaselli had a 7½ pound black, along with 18 sea bass on Sunday's trip. Some big blues are mixing in with the blacks and sea bass making for plenty of action.

At **Captree Bait and Tackle**, Bobby Sprenger spoke of blacks at the bridges and Kismet Reef. The better flounder fishing has been to the west in the State Channel. Shorecasters have done well from the Jones Beach Piers. Henrietta Gick beached a 9.5 pound blackfish on the north side of Robert Moses Parking Field 2 during the week. Irma Ahles weighed a 4.14 pound sea bass taken on Tuesday aboard the Capt. Joseph II. Also on Tuesday, Scott and Lou Liebetruth and Jim Deutsch counted 25 blacks to 4½ pounds. They were taken at Kismet. Rich and Bill Kessinger used live bunker to take several weaks to 13½ pounds as well as a 14½ pound blue at the inlet. The bluefish boats had a banner week with excellent fishing on day and night trips.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy reported some decent flounder fishing now in the open bay. The weekend produced some worthwhile action off the Babylon Pool, Bergen Point and Lighthouse Point. The weekend was a bust however. On Thursday Tom aboard the Millie had 8 nice flounder. Gaspar Garaputo and Jack Uhland counted 17 blacks to 5 pounds on Tuesday. The Angel Jean checked in with a 62 pound bluefin tuna taken at the Virginia on Friday. The canyon was hot this week as evidenced by the scores racked up by Howie Lemon and his crew aboard the Rockaway. On Tuesday they trolled 5 bigeyes, 5 yellowfin and 4 longfins at the 120 line. They returned to chum the same area on Saturday to put away 6 bigeyes to 183 pounds, 17 yellowfins to 110 pounds and one lone longfin. Good crabbing continues in the Sore Thumb Pocket and in the State Channel. Bunker and mackerel bait in traps working best. Also some kingfish being taken on worms in the Sore Thumb Pocket.

Jimmy Schaefer at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst** reported a steady pick on flounder in the State Channel, East West Channel at Lindenhurst and Bergen Point, Squaw Island and the Sore Thumb Pocket. He reminded that chum is a must. He labeled the blackfishing picky this week though he did see some nice size tog taken at the Sore Thumb. Skimmer clams, green crabs and fiddler crabs all working. Liveliners using bunker have been taking big blues as well as some big bass between the Wantagh and Meadowbrook Bridge. Ocean bluefishing has been very good with a lot of big choppers falling to jigs, bait and trolled lures. Saturday

saw Bill Nicholson take 8 nice flounder in East-West Channel. Same day, Tom Favilla had 9 nice flatties at Squaw Island. Both used mussel chum and bloodworms.

Bob Vitale at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** was on his way out to cash in on a hot surf fishing tip. He did take time to say that boatmen have been managing a fair pick of flounder at Squaw Island, the Amity Cut and Copiague Hole on worms and clam or mussel chum. Plenty of big blues continue to ride herd on bunker schools near the Meadowbrook and Wantagh Bridges.

Frank Pristera at **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale** said that the flounder faithful have been picking away at good sized flatties at the Copiague Hole, Amityville Cut, Squaw Island and Four Corners. Greg and Joan Lombardi picked at the flounder all day on Saturday while anchored in 7 feet of water opposite Lindenhurst Beach aboard their 'Black Label'. Frank and his crew aboard the 'Cookie Monster' put away 17 flatties from ¾ to 1½ pounds opposite Bergen Point on Saturday. Frank too spoke of the presence of big blues feasting on bunker between the Wantagh and Meadowbrook Bridges. He labeled the blackfishing inside the bay as on the picky side this week.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

The biggest and best fishing this past week has been the bluefishing and blackfishing plus a sudden coming alive again at the Canyon for all the various tunas. Fall floundering has still not hit its stride, with all the warm water around, but the fish being caught are very decent size and fat and the numbers should pick up as old man winter cools the water down.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Over at **Wanser's Tackle** in Seaford, Lon tells of the flounder action picking up nicely along the Bellmore/Merrick shoreline, Four Corners and Massapequa Cove. This has been on worms and plenty of chum. Lots of blues in the bay particularly opposite the Jones Beach piers, at the Big M and W3 on bunker. Action has also been good for surfcasters said Lon. Blackfishing at the bridges and wrecks has ranged from good to very good on fiddlers and green crab.

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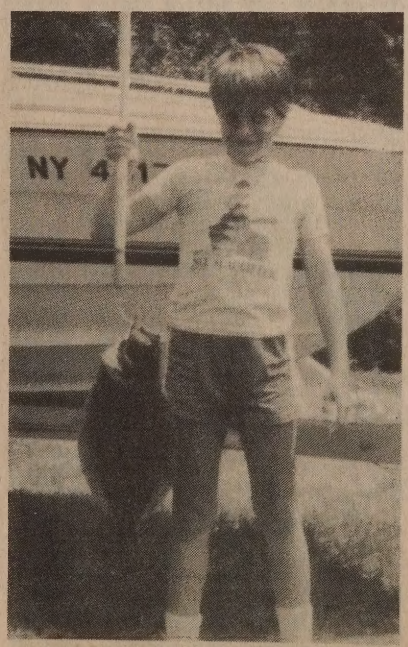

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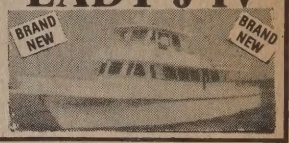

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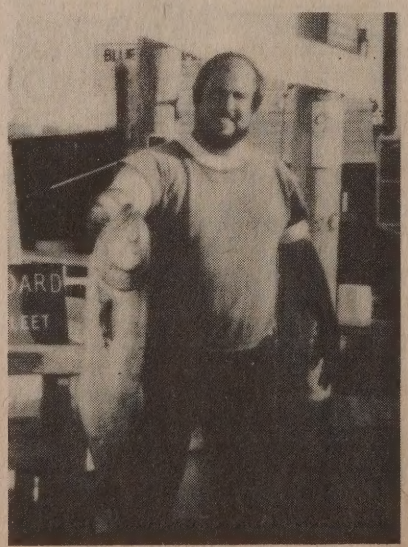
We hear from Mike at **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh that the flounder-ing this week has been fair for his customers to the tune of 5 to 20 per boat, mixed sizes. Best areas have been Merrick Bay, Haunts Creek and Broad Channel, with heavy chum-ming with bloods and dyed clam on the hook. Smaller flatties at Massa-pequa Cove and Four Corners on in-coming, sizes mixed. Blacks have been excellent at the Big M and W2 and W3 on high slack. Green crabs have been catching best, fish to 6 lbs. and lots of smaller ones. There's been great activity with bluefish in the bay, best on outgoing along the marshes on chunk or whole bunker, blues 8 to 20 lbs. Plugs are also taking fish and a lot of alligators are being broken off with ebb best. Five to ten of these jumbos per man is no trick. Cloudy days have been very effective. A few weakfish in the 10 lb. class around the bridges on both moving tides. Big blueclaws in traps at Ft. Neck Point. The wrecks are holding big blackfish with a decent sprinkling of large sea bass. Super blues 8 to 12 lbs. at Cholera on big baits fished deep. Best are butters and bunker. Fred Adlman of Jericho on Saturday bagged 8 keeper fluke to 2 lbs. at pole 15 in Reynolds on live killies.

Garan's Tackle in Merrick told of good picks of flounder in Merrick Bay on worms and lots of chum. Corey Snyder bagged a 3 lb. flounder Friday fishing Nick's Point. Sea bass and blacks at the local bridges on clam, fiddlers and greens.



Jack Conroy shows the 17 lb. blue he caught back on Septem-ber 13th aboard the Freeport charter boat, "Blue Fin II."

Out of Freeport, it was tuna, tuna, tuna again for the **Bluefin Fleet** fishing the canyon on Wednesday. Mike Gough and party of 11 scored with 22 yellowfin and longfin albacore up to 100 plus pounds, with the bite starting almost immediately upon getting the lines in the water. Skipper Sy Carlin said the October 29th trip is all filled, but he is opening up a trip for November 4th or 5th and he still has 13 openings for this trip. Call (516) 352-2986 if interested. Trips on ocean bottom wrecks produced good sea bass and porgy action with Gail Alleyne bagging an 8 lb. black. Tino Santiago had over 30 assorted fish. Gail and Tino fished for Hanover Bank. Blues continued excellent off-shore on bait and chum.

Aboard the charter boat **Persuader** this weekend Saturday's trip for Tom Maniuszko and Sunday's trip for Don Belinson and group loaded up with blues to 15½ lbs. fishing light tackle baiting and chumming at Cholera.

Aboard the charter boats **Lady J III** and **IV** this week there was also some red hot tuna action on Wednesday with nine anglers socking it to 32 fish to 125 lbs. Mixed in were longfin, yellowfin, bluefin and bigeye tuna. Captain Pat will be running another trip very soon. See ad for phone number. Saturday's bluefish trip for

the Ernest Simmons group caught very well on a wreck, fish mixed sizes on bait.

Aboard the **Starstream II** this week the bluefishing was excellent this week said the skipper, mainly fishing 17 Fathoms and Farms. Fish were mostly big, running from 6 to 15 lbs. with most of the fishing being done on bait, but when the action got hot they were hitting diamond jigs as well. Richie says now is the time to get in on the best of bluefish action.

Bob at the **Freeport Boatmens Association** advises that the **Super Spray II** fishing inshore wrecks and choice inshore pieces has been getting very good sea bass catches with some big blackfish mixed in. Gorilla blues are being caught by the charter fleet at Cholera and 17. Boats fishing the canyon have found it alive once more with tuna.

Turning our attention to Point Lookout, we hear from the charter boat **Marie III** of Saturday's trip for the Jim Rogero party with a fair pick of blues at buoy 4 and Cholera, fish 5 to 10 lbs. on bait. Sunday's trip for the Al Hank group fished from the ABB to the Long Creek bridge getting a slow pick of 1 to1½ lb. flatties. Many drops were required with a few fish at each drop.

We had good local fishing said Capt. Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** all week long. A few ling are starting. Super catches of sea bass were caught by fares Saturday on an offshore wreck with some big porgies mixed in and on Sunday the boat fished closer in, this time taking mostly big porgies to 3 lbs. and a scattering of sea bass, blacks and flounder. Al says the action is just about 40 minutes from the dock and fares had lots of double-headers.

Captain Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout II** says that the boat fished its last two bluefish night trips of the season Friday and Saturday night getting excellent catches and the only reason for stopping is that people have just overdosed on bluefish, it's been so good. The daytime flounder fishing said Ron has been inconsistent, but the good news is that there were more good days than bad days. On Monday, Irv Kreshner had 20 flounder plus the pool. Saturday's PM and both Sunday trips saw an increase in the numbers, with Sunday's AM high hook being 24 flounder, along with them being bigger fish. Sunday's PM trip had a 2¾ lb. pool winning flattie and Ron says it looks like things are brewing now.

Bill at **Ed's Fishing Station** passes on the news that Stew Rosenberg, Bob Rosenberg and Paul Cassio on their boat Play Pen had 25 blues fishing Cholera on bunker and mackerel chunks and heavy chumming. Steve Pollack, Jose Gonzalez and Roberto Carrion on their boat Sea Chase, bagged 35 blues 10 to 15 lbs. using butters and chum. Flounder action is picking up, bloodworms best with heavy chumming a must. Black-

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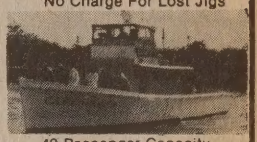

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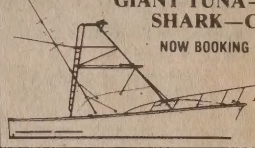

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fish still strong at the Big M on fiddlers and greens.

Over at **Beckmann's Tackle in** Lynbrook, we learn that Tony George of Lynbrook and Craig Javett of Masspequa fishing Friday in Jones Inlet bagged four weaks on live bunker going 8 to 13¾ lbs. plus a 10 lb. blue. Excellent blackfishing at the local bridges, jetties and inshore wrecks with flounder action just fair.

We hear from Fred at **Cast-A-Way Tackle** in Franklin Square that tuna have been good at the Mud Hole this week. Aboard the private boat, Flower Power, Tuesday they had 7 BFT to 60 lbs. and broke off a large mako estimated at 600 to 700 lbs. after a 35 minute fight on a Penn 30 International and stand-up tuna rod. The fish rolled off the gaff and was lost but a photo is in the mail. Fred at the shop was on the rod. Bluefish inside on bunker at the Big M and on the local beaches. Choppers also on bunker and chum at Cholera and buoy 4. Floundering was termed very good in Reynolds by Fred, at Cement Block and the Trestle on worms and chum, while blackfishing at the ABB and Big M saw lots of 2 to 4 lbers. caught along with a few sea bass.

The open boat **Captain Mike III** sailing out of Howard Beach had very decent flounder fishing all week at the north trestle and off Floyd Bennett. Bloodworms were the hook bait for these fat 1 lb. class fish. Fares averaged 20 to 30 a man with the fishing consistent all week long in the 58 degree water temp. There were very few postage stamps and flatties were caught on both moving tides.

Steve Yakacki treked 8 or so miles south of Jones Inlet one day last week in search of big blues. The Freeport based boatman found the biggest kind of choppers, fish into the upper teens, willing to take whole mackerel baits.

Young Anthony Ciliotta, fishing aboard the family boat 'Maria II' found a 1½ pound flounder among a catch of porgies, kingfish, sea bass and crabs. This during a recent trip to Massapequa Cove.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** in Howard Beach advised that off both the North and South Channel bridges flounder were being picked on worms and blackfish on fiddlers and green crab with both fish being caught best on any moving tide.

Over in Sheepshead Bay John at **Mike's Tackle** told of the loads of big blues and some albies being taken by the party boat fleet on bait and on jigs. Bigger blues are being taken at night said John, but the numbers are better during the day. Boats that are blackfishing are having excellent catches with sea bass and porgies mixed in and the flounder are starting.

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that the flounder catches are definitely picking up after a sort of slow beginning. Saturday's PM trip had Wayne the Insane high hook with 14 fat flounder. The skipper says things are looking good for a strong flounder showing this fall and he has heat in the cabin and hot soup on the chilly days. Flounder are being taken best on worm and mussel baits.

Captain Al Coley of the **Betty W. IV** called the bluefishing absolutely excellent with fish being taken on both bait and chum and on diamonds when it gets really hot. Albies and bonito mixed in with alligator blues to 20 lbs. The boat's Tuesday and Thursday tuna trips every week are going like wildfire with 96 tuna taken on the last trip which was this past Tuesday. These beasts have been going to 100 lbs.

North Shore REPORT
with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Excellent blackfishing was again reported from one end of the Sound to the other with some very big tog in this week's reports. Still lots of bluefish making their way into the reports and many striped bass being taken beneath the blues in the mid-Island area.

WESTERN SOUND

John Palmieri of **John's Gun and Tackle** in **New Rochelle** spoke of excellent blackfishing at the Larchmont Breakwater and Execution Light. Best bet for flounder has been in the harbors and in the Green Flats area. Big blues up into the teens still chasing bunker in the harbors or being trolled at Execution Light on umbrella rigs.

From **Jack's Bait and Tackle** in **City Island** John DeCuffa reported some spectacular blackfish action this week. The most impressive fish of the week was a 16¾ pound tautog taken at Pea Island by Henry Mack. It fell for a green crab and the fish is a possible State Record contender. Sid Alston had a 12 pound black at Prospect Point on Saturday aboard the Lady Briggs. Blues faded a little this weekend as a result of the east wind. Joel Silver used a sandworm to take a 12 pound weakfish at Execution Light. Some very good flounder fishing at the Larchmont Breakwater and Half Moon Beach.

Phil Nasi at **Glen Cove Sport Shop** told of good blackfishing at any rock pile in the area. He spoke specifically of the Glen Cove Breakwater, Pryble Beach and Center Island. Flounder barely getting started and there still are a couple of porgies around. Bluefish are in the harbor as well as outside and being taken primarily on bunker chunks. Big blues have been taken in Hempstead Harbor at the Glen Cove Breakwater and at Sands Point.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

John Alberda of **Sound Charters** has been doing a bang up job on blues, bass and weakfish. His weekend results were evidence enough of the excellent fishing being enjoyed by his fares. On Saturday, Dick Blum and friends put away a load of blues to 10 pounds as well as a good number of bass to 13 pounds. They rounded off their catch with a bunch of blackfish to 7 pounds taken around the slack water. The Bill Stein party enjoyed similar action on Sunday. They had a lot of blues to 14 pounds, bass to 10

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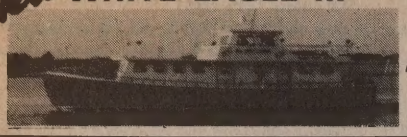

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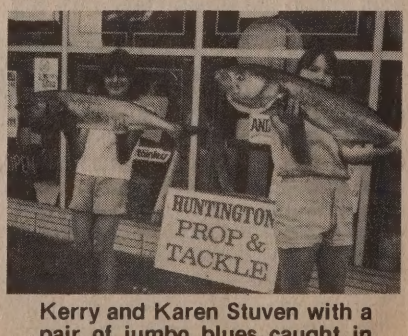
pounds and blackfish to 10 pounds. The skipper has been working Lloyds Point for the blackfish and both Eatons and Lloyds for the bass and blues. All of this latter action has been on diamond jigs. John noted that they should be enjoying excellent bass action on the jigs through the month of November. He expects the blackfish action to remain hot later than usual as well. He still has a few open dates available.

George Valentine of **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** in **Huntington** reported a quiet weekend but knew of excellent blackfish catches made during the week at Buoys 11B, 32A and 28C. Still a good body of big porgies at Buoy 11B and in the Triangle. Lots of blues from 2 to 6 pounds at the OB Buoy and Buoy 13 on jigs. Plenty of 5 to 10 pound bass underneath them. John Hames stopped to weigh a 2.7 pound flounder, one of several big ones he boated while anchored under the light at Eatons.

Tom Bowman of **Bowman's Sporting Goods** in **Northport** said that blacks remain the number one target in this area. Shorecasters do well at Sand City while boatmen have been doing a job on the fish in 40 feet of water south of 11B. Porgies still in good supply east of the Lilco Platform in Smithtown Bay and some very small flounder in the harbors but hardly worth fishing for yet. Big blues, averaging 15 pounds being taken on bunker and bunker chunks in the Lilco outflow at high tide.



Kerry and Karen Stuven with a pair of jumbo blues caught in Centerport Harbor. The fish were checked in at Huntington Prop and Tackle.

Stan Hentschel at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** spoke of a fine run of porgies to 2 pounds being taken along the beach from Old Field Point to Baiting Hollow. Very good blackfishing at all the rocky areas on green and fiddler crabs. Blues from 5 to 16 pounds being taken on bait, jigged and trolled from just east of Buoy 11 all the way to Shoreham.

Barbara Davenport said **Ralph's Fishing Station** will have skiffs available until Thanksgiving, depending on weather. Rental skiffs all did well with porgies on Saturday, fishing in 30 to 40 feet of water straight out of Mt. Sinai Harbor, while those fishing closer to shore caught blackfish. A few skiffs traveled to Old Field Point, returning with blues. Justine Perine handled a 16 lb. bluefish, his younger brother Jamie, an 8 lb. fish on Saturday fishing on their dad's boat. Big bluefish, mixed with bass are located at the Middle Grounds, according to Barbara, with tremendous sized porgies also being brought back to the

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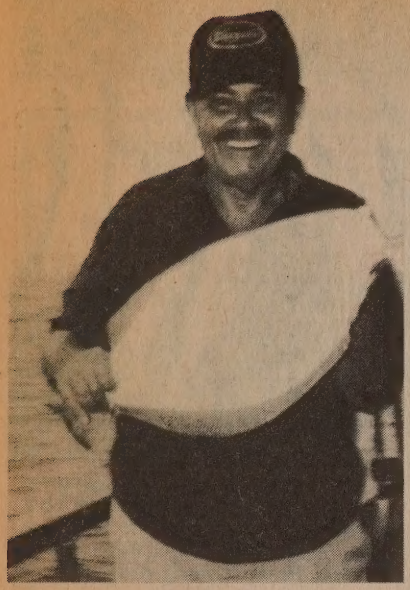

Murry Vernikoff decked this 6 lb. fluke in Ambrose Channel while aboard the Sheepshead Bay open boat, "Elsie K III." He used a combo bait of fluke belly and spearing.

marina from the same area. Most porgies are in the 2½ to 4 lb. range!

LIF staffer Lorry Mangan boarded the **Port Jeff Ace** last Thursday for a shot at blacks, blues, sea bass and porgies. Captain Cash fished various wrecks and rock piles, meeting with success at every spot. Pool fish was caught by Frank Martino, an 8 lb. blackfish. All anglers had a couple of blackfish, those trying for porgies instead filled up at least a bucket each. John Giralamo called to tell us that Friday's trip concentrated only on blackfish, finding many 5 to 8 lb. blacks, with porgies a bycatch at the Middle Grounds.

NORTH FORK

Ace Cottrel from **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** in Southold, related that a variety of species were caught. Captain Pete Izzo of the **BoAnne II** fished in 50 feet of water north of Gull Island for his Saturday charter and had quality blackfish to 8 lbs. Captain Tony LoPerfido of the "Fishalot" tried southeast of Plum Island on Saturday, where blackfish to 5 lbs. were caught through loads of medium size porgies. On Sunday, Capt. Tony tried 50 feet of water in front of the old Orient Fishing Station in the Sound. His charter boated 30 blackfish to 9 lbs. Locally, blackfish persist at the Brickyard and Greenlawns although average weight is about 5 lbs. A good catch of blackfish was made in 55 ft. of water on the north side of Plum Island on Saturday by Al Stretz, his son Mark and friends who loaded every fish box on the boat with blackfish to 8 lbs. Marina based boats continue to load up on porgies, some large to jumbo, fishing east of the Ruins in 45 ft. of water and at Constellation Rock. Captain Eddie of the "Sea Boots" reported over 200 porgies, large and jumbo at Constellation Rock on Sunday. Bluefish persist in the Gut, Race, Pigeon Rip, north side of Gardiner's and the Sluiceway, with boats such as "Fishtales" loading up on blues on diamond jigs. Blues range from 1½ to 12 lbs. Flounder are picky, but large. Best bet is south side of Orient between the ferry slip and the last trap, among the rocks. Some quality fish were also caught in Gull Pond.

Last Wednesday, the Gammons of Mattituck, enjoyed a wild three hour fishing spree on the charter boat **Tiderunner**, based in Orient. According to Capt. Dave Darrow, the group caught over 30 bluefish, top weight twelve pounds, with over tenty five bass to about twelve pounds released. Bucktailing was the method employed. On Saturday, Jim Parascandola and his friends enjoyed a catch of sixteen blackfish, all over five pounds with a large number of humpback poriges. All baits were favored equally by the blackfish; crabs and clam. Capt. Dave noted that the fish bit on both tides.

The **Greenport** based open boat **Peconic Star** reported decent blackfishing on the weekend working the New London and Fishers Island areas. More fish were taken on soft baits but the largest fell to crabs. Bob Walton of Brooklyn took Saturday's pool with an 11¾ pound tog. An 8 pounder settled Sunday's pool.

Good blackfishing all week was reported by the **Orient** based **Prime Time III**. Mike Arcuik of Bohemia had a 10½ pounder on Wednesday. Rosalie Zenoble had a 9 pounder on Saturday's trip. Fishing is being done in 40 feet of water near Gull and Plum Islands.

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Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Action with big blues on South Shore beaches opened up this past week with perennial hot spot, RM Field 4, once again coming through. A number of very impressive stripers were also taken this past week while Montauk remains stacked up with blues from Shagwong to the Point. Still plenty of bluefish action being reported from North Shore beaches as well and it looks like we're almost

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Jim Celantano and Bill Nevins with blues to 11½ lbs. taken on bunker chunks from the Smithtown Bay shore. Courtesy of Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

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certain to have another fine late run of fish along the beaches.

From **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch said that blues from a couple of pounds on up to 7 or 8 pounds remain thick at Shagwong, Osyter Pond and from the Light to North Bar as well as Turtle Cove. The only off day this week was Sunday. Poppers and tins accounting for the fish with the bigger blues being found up front. The sand beach has been quiet with the exception of some small bass on red and yellow poppers mornings and evenings. Some bass to 10 pounds being picked from among the south side rocks and no weakfish reported.

Ara Shimshidian checked in at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton** with an 11¾ pound blue on Saturday. It was taken at Ponquogue Beach on a jig and tube. Thom Speckenbach said that blues have been scarce along local beaches but there have been lots of bass from Wainscott to the Inlet, mornings and evenings. Many of the fish are 5 to 10 pounds but a couple of 20s and 30s have been caught and released. Plugs and jig and tubes are getting most of the attention.

Bart Siciliano of **Herb Obser Motors** took a 40 pound striper on the east side of Shinnecock one morning last week. The fish, taken on a Hopkins and tube combo, was weighed and released but not before the entire catch and release was shot on video. Bart added that Shinnecock was real quiet of late but that on Sunday evening, Cupsogue errupted with blues from 3 to 13 pounds. There were also some school bass mixed in. Best action was from 4PM until dark and tin and tubes again accounted for the best action.

Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** reported lots of bass being taken along FINS all week long. Fish range from 4 to 15 pounds with quite a few 8 to 12 pounders among them. Bombers, tin and tubes, Rebels and droppers all received plenty of attention. Blues in the 3 pound class were mixed with the bass during the week but the weekend was dominated by stripers. Several casters also reported taking bass to the east along the Smith Point Shore. Tom Schlichter and Matt Martin had a number of fish at Smith Point during the week. They ranged from 5 to 10 pounds. George Kulman, on his first surf trip Saturday, had a pair of 6 pound bass. Big blues have been scarce along Smith Point and FINS but they did show along Davis Park on Sunday. Ed Stanczyk and his son Jeff did a good job on blues to 15 pounds there. Access to the Fire Island community is restricted to boat owners or the ferry.

As already mentioned, the Robert Moses area came alive with big blues this past week. Casters scored big on Thursday, Friday and Sunday mornings with blues from 10 to 15 pounds (an occasional smaller-some larger). Popping plugs did the most damage.

Bobby Sprenger of **Captree Bait and Tackle** reported weighing a lot of big blues since Thursday morning and noted that this was the first real showing of choppers on the open beaches.

Some very big stripers appeared with big blues in the Fire Island Inlet

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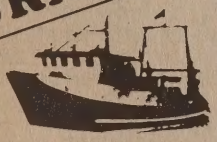

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area this past week. On Tuesday night, Bill Miller of Mid-Island Striper Club beached a 49 pound cow. Bill Miller, Jr. (no relation) of High Hill Striper Club connected the same night with a 44½ pound bass. Rich Downey found a 45 pound cow at Robert Moses Field 2.

According to Tom Healy of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Robert Moses Field 4 was again hot this Monday morning. He had just put a blue of 19.5 pounds on the scale for Steve Leder. It was taken on a bottle plug. The same angler used a bunker chunk on Friday to take a 19.4 pound chopper.

Jimmy Schaefer at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst** also put a big blues on the scale Monday morning. Scott Molner took the 19.3 pound chopper on a Bomber fished on 10 pound test. That's quite an accomplishment. On Friday, Gary Koller beached an 18½ pound blue at Democrat Point. Same day, George Turney used tins at Robert Moses to take 7 blues in the 12-13 pound range. On Saturday, John Schaefer, (no relation), managed 6 blues at Moses on bunker chunks. One of the fish tipped the scale at a most impressive 22 pounds. Also Saturday morning Kaller worked the suds at Robert Moses Field 2. He used Atom poppers to take 6 blues to 16 pounds. On Sunday morning, Carl Siciliano and Joe Dottoma combined to take 13 blues from 10 to 18 pounds on yellow and red poppers at Robert Moses. Carl used the occasion to break in a new custom surf rod provided by Charlie's.

Striper Surf Club PR-Man Mike Kaland wanted us to know that fellow club member John Williams of Baldwin scored with an impressive striper in the wee hours of Friday mor-

Rebecca Busch, Jesse Fahrer and Adam Fahrer with a nice catch of blues made aboard the "Port Jeff Ace" back on September 19th.

LIF subscriber David Abe hefts the 17 lb. southern porgy he boated during a recent trip out of Ponce Inlet, Florida.

ning. Working a 7½ inch "Bomber or Rebel" inside Fire Island Inlet John drilled a 44 pound striper from the wash.

Over at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh**, Bobby Turturello reported a few big weaks being taken at Point Lookout on bunker. Big blues remain thick inside of Jones Inlet but he too got wind of some very good action at Robert Moses Field 4 beginning late last week.

Big blues have also moved into the surf line from Atlantic Beach to Long Beach according to Charlie Beckmann at **Beckmann's Tackle** in **Lynbrook**. Casters reported taking the fish on poppers, Bombers, Needlefish and bunker chunks this past week. Still some big weakfish around as well. On Thursday, Don Manicao used a bunker chunk to take a 12.6 pound weak at Short Beach. He also had 2 big blues. On Sunday morning, Glen Forbes of Malverne worked bunker chunks in the Point Lookout area and put away weaks of 13.4 and 12.12 pounds.

Joe Augeri of Gateway Striper Club used a pencil popper to take a 10 pound blue and a 17 pound striper at Breezy Point this Monday morning. He also reported a bluefish blitz at Breezy with most of the fish ranging between 12 and 15 pounds. He had reports of a 20 pound chopper taken by one caster. Small bass in the 5-6 pound class were mixed with the blues. Big blues and an occasional weak continue to be taken on large Danny plugs and bunker chunks in Jamaica Bay. The fish have been wherever you find the bunker including behind the airport and the Canarsie Pier.

Up on the North Shore, Phil Nasi at **Glen Cove Sport Shop** spoke of a lot of school bass at Mattinecock Point, Pryble Beach and Center Island Reef on 5½ inch swimmers and small poppers. Bluefishing has been good at

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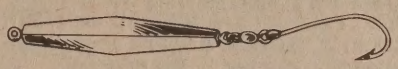

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the breakwater at Garvey's Point at Hempstead Harbor. Most of the blues have been over 10 pounds and being taken on bunker chunks, swimming plugs and poppers. A couple of weaks were reported from Crescent and Pryble Beaches during the week.

At **Bowman's Tackle Shop** in **Northport**, Tom Bowman knew that casters drifting bunker chunks into the Lilco outflow have been doing well with big blues. A bass in the 30 pound class also fell to a chunk there this week. Small blues in the 3 pound range being taken mornings and evenings along local beaches on tin and poppers.

From **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, Stan Hentschel said that he got in his licks at Fire Island National Seashore. He used a pencil popper Monday morning (10/27) to take a 25 pound bass there. Locally, Mike Baxter used a Redfin to take a 30 pound striper from a North Fork beach. This was Tuesday night. Artie Diebold had a few bass in the 12 to 15 pound class working Smithtown Bay Sunday night. The fish would respond only to droppers. Joe Blanco caught his first bass ever, a pair of schoolies at Wading River. Stan added that there have been lots of small blues from 3 to 7 pounds being taken on plugs and tin mornings and evenings along local beaches. Big blues continue to be taken locally on bunker chunks.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Freshwater fishermen are still enjoying some action with bass, and pickerel in the deep water sections of lakes and ponds but the shallow water action seems to be about finished. Trout are still responding to nympths and weighted streamers in the parks but this fishing is tough as the fish are

Helen Pawluk decked this 8½ lb. fluke while flounder fishing in Swift Creek aboard the Freeport open boat, "Capt. Andy II."

a little finicky because they are entering the spawning period. A few anglers also connected with trout in the tidal sections of the Connetquot River. Action with carp and panfish has slowed considerably, with the exception of yellow perch which are still fairly active.

At **Causeway Bait and Tackle**, **Wantagh**, George noted that anglers working live killie baits in the deeper holes of Mill Pond and south Twin Lake were experiencing some pretty fair bass fishing. A few carp were also taken in the Mill Pond and anglers are snagging bunker in the spillway.

Fred Laager of **Edelman's Sportsman's Center**, **Farmingdale**, reported a lull in freshwater reports but knew that Scott Moller did a little fly fishing in Babylon's Argyle Lake. Using a green flourescent popper, Scott connected with several largemouth bass in the one and two pound class.

I Stopped by Caleb Smith State Park on Sunday morning where Jim Capossela and friend Larry had just finished working the 11:30 am to 3:30 pm shift. The pair reported taking several small to medium sized brookies and rainbows in the stream. Other anglers, working the pond, reported taking a few fish but found fallen autumn leaves laying on the surface made it very difficult to make proper presentations.

Trout were the item of interest at **J&R Sports Center**, **Oakdale**, where Phil informed us that Al Coban stalked a 4.5 pound rainbow in the tidal section of the Connetquot River below Bubbles Falls. Al took the sea-run fish on a worm bait. Phil also reported that there are plenty of small trout at Bubbles. In fact, last Sunday, he caught and released over twenty small brookies and rainbows in a little over an hour.

From John at **J&J Bait and Tackle**, **Patchogue**, we learned that trout fishermen are still connecting with a few fish in Connetquot River State Park despite the fact that the fish are preparing to spawn. Bill Lockwell nailed a 2.1 pound brown on Saturday. Largemouth bass reports have been sparse.

Out at the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, Mrs. Devlin reports that Ken Johnson and son Kenny returned again this week to give the Peconic River bass and pickerel a working over. Using Rooster Tail spinners, the lucky pair of anglers took several fish up to two pounds and broke off a "very large" pickerel on a torpedo lure. Other anglers working behind the shop have had less success. Many report seeing the bass and pickerel following the lures or rolling on the surface but have just not been able to connect. A switch to spinners and lighter lines might do the trick here.

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High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	5:10	5:25	5:50	6:05	6:40	6:00	6:35	7:00	8:20	8:45	8:20	8:45	5:00	5:20	10/30
FRI.	5:55	6:10	6:35	6:50	6:25	6:45	7:20	7:45	9:00	9:30	9:05	9:30	5:45	6:05	10/31
SAT.	6:40	6:55	7:15	7:35	7:05	7:25	8:00	8:25	9:45	10:15	9:50	10:15	6:30	6:50	11/1
SUN.	7:20	7:40	8:00	8:25	7:45	8:10	8:40	9:15	10:30	11:00	10:30	11:00	7:15	7:35	11/2
MON.	8:05	8:25	8:50	9:10	8:30	9:00	9:25	10:00	11:15	11:50	11:20	11:50	8:00	8:25	11/3
TUES.	8:50	9:15	9:35	10:05	9:20	9:55	10:15	10:55	—	12:05	—	12:10	8:15	9:15	11/4
WED.	9:45	10:15	10:30	10:55	10:20	11:00	11:05	11:50	12:40	12:55	12:45	1:00	9:40	10:10	11/5
THURS.	10:45	11:15	11:25	11:55	11:25	—	—	12:05	1:35	1:50	1:40	2:00	10:40	11:10	11/6

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 10/30	6:28	4:58
FRI. 10/31	6:30	4:56
SAT. 11/1	6:32	4:55
SUN. 11/2	6:34	4:53
MON. 11/3	6:36	4:52
TUE. 11/4	6:37	4:50
WED. 11/5	6:38	4:48

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 10/30	3:10AM	3:35PM
FRI. 10/31	4:20AM	4:00PM
SAT. 11/1	5:35AM	4:20PM
SUN. 11/2	6:55AM	4:55PM
MON. 11/3	8:15AM	5:35PM
TUE. 11/4	9:35AM	6:25PM
WED. 11/5	10:45AM	7:25PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
11/2	11/8	11/16	11/24

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	2:05	**8:05**	2:15	**8:30**
Fri.	2:45	**8:50**	3:00	**9:15**
Sat.	3:30	**9:35**	3:45	**10:00**
Sun.	4:15	**10:25**	4:35	**10:50**
Mon.	5:05	**11:25**	5:35	**11:55**
Tues.	6:10	—	6:50	**12:35**
Wed.	7:20	**1:10**	8:00	**1:45**
Thurs.	8:30	**2:20**	9:10	**2:55**

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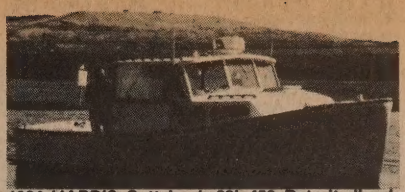

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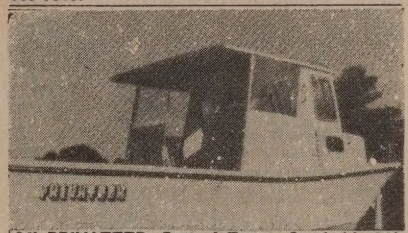

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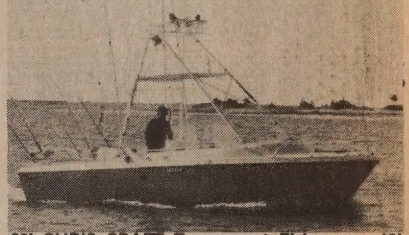

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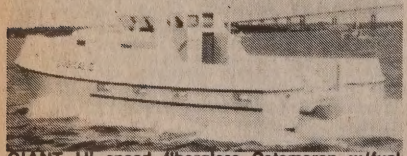

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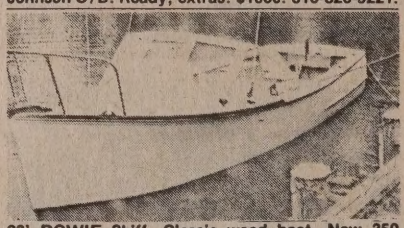

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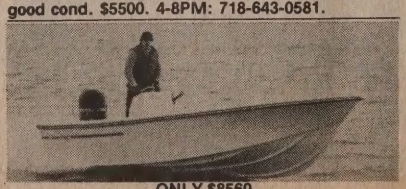

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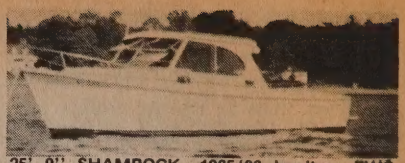

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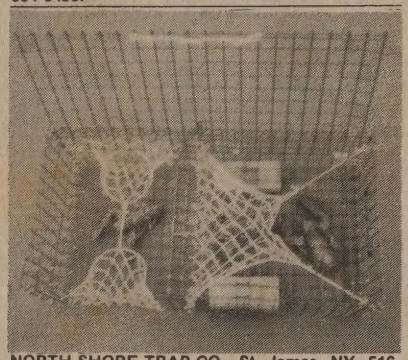

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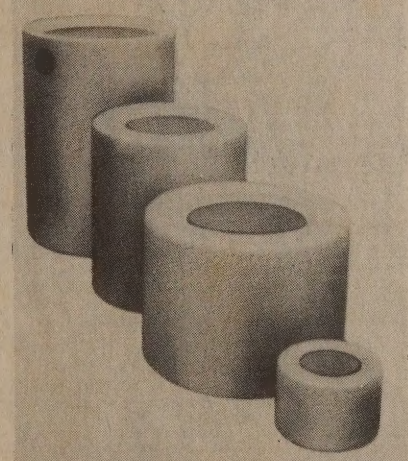

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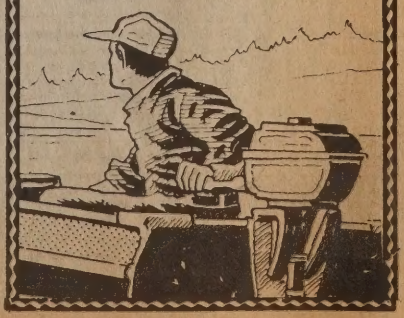

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